



Homeland Security chief expected to leave; more churn likely

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is weighing an administration-wide shakeup as he looks to prepare his White House for divided government, with Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen expected to be among the next to go, perhaps as soon as this week.

Trump has soured on Nielsen and White House chief of staff John Kelly, in part over frustration that his administration is not doing more to address what he has called a crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border, according to two people with knowledge of the issue. But the scope of the contemplated changes is far broader, as Trump gears up for a wave of Democratic oversight requests and to devote more effort to his own re-election campaign.

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In this Sept. 5, 2018 file photo, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen speaks to George Washington University's Center for Cyber and Homeland Security, in Washington.

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FBI report shows 17 percent spike in hate crimes in 2017

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hate crimes across the United States spiked 17 percent in 2017 — marking a rise for the third straight year — with a 37 percent increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes, according to an FBI report released Tuesday.

There were 7,175 reported hate crimes last year, up from 6,121 in 2016. The FBI's annual hate crimes report defines hate crimes as those motivated by bias based on a person's race, religion or sexual orientation, among other categories.

There was a nearly 23 percent increase in religion-based hate crimes, with more than 900 reports of crimes targeting Jews and Jewish institutions. The FBI said there were 2,013 hate crimes against African-Americans, a 16 percent increase.

Some of the increases may be the result of better reporting by police departments, but law enforcement officials and advocacy groups don't doubt that



In this Nov. 1, 2017, file photo, traffic along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington streaks past the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters building.

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hate crimes are on the rise. The report's release comes about two weeks after a gunman shot to death 11

people inside a Pittsburgh synagogue. The suspect in that shooting, Robert Bowers, 46, expressed hatred of Jews during the rampage and later told police that "all these Jews need to die," authorities said. Bowers was charged with federal hate crimes and other charges.

"This report provides further evidence that more must be done to address the divisive climate of hate in America," said Jonathan Greenblatt, the chief executive officer of the Anti-Defamation League. "That begins with leaders from all walks of life and from all sectors of society forcefully condemning anti-Semitism, bigotry, and hate whenever it occurs."

The Justice Department has said it is prioritizing hate crimes prosecutions and created a specialized initiative last month, which includes a website for hate crimes resources.

More than half of the reported hate crimes in 2017 were motivated by bias against a person's race or ethnicity, according to the report. There were 1,130 reported incidents target-

ing people because of their sexual orientation, including 679 anti-gay hate crimes, a small increase compared to 2016. Anti-Muslim hate crimes were down about 11 percent, according to the report.

"This report is a call to action — and we will heed that call," Whitaker said in a statement Tuesday. "The Department of Justice's top priority is to reduce violent crime in America, and hate crimes are violent crimes." The FBI says although the number of attacks has increased, so has the number of law enforcement agencies reporting data on hate crimes. About 1,000 additional police agencies reported information in 2017 compared with previous years, the FBI said.

The Justice Department said last month that 88 percent of police departments that provided data for the 2016 annual report had reported zero hate crimes. An Associated Press investigation in 2016 found that more than 2,700 city police and county sheriff's departments across the country had not submitted a single hate crime report

for the FBI's annual crime tally during the previous six years.

The Anti-Defamation League said some of police departments in major U.S. cities didn't report hate crimes as part of the annual report, including the Honolulu Police Department, Indianapolis Police Department and police in Kansas City, Kansas. Other departments, like the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and police in Miami, Florida and Newark, New Jersey, reported zero hate crimes.

Last month, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said the Justice Department's new hate crime initiative was "taking on the challenging task of addressing the gap in hate crime statistics" and officials were reviewing the "accuracy of those reports."

Rosenstein cautioned that just because hate crimes aren't being reported doesn't mean they aren't happening. The Justice Department is endeavoring to learn about obstacles law enforcement agencies have with reporting hate crimes to the FBI, he said. □

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According to people familiar with the situation, Trump is discussing replacing Kelly with Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, Nick Ayers. Kelly, a retired Marine general, has been credited with bringing order and process to a chaotic West Wing, but he has fallen out of favor with the president as well as presidential daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner.

Ayers, a seasoned campaign operative, would restore a political-mindset to the role, but he faces stiff opposition from some corners of the West Wing, with some aides lobbying Trump directly against the move. Other changes are afoot, as Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke are being discussed for replacement. And in an extraordinary move Tuesday, first lady Melania Trump's office called publicly for the firing of Trump's deputy national security adviser, Mira Ricardel.

For all of the talk of churn, Trump often expresses frustration with aides and then does not take action. Talk of Kelly's exit has percolated for months and he remains in place.

Nielsen had hoped to complete one year in the job and leave in December, but it appeared unlikely she would last that long, said two sources. Both people who had knowledge of the debate spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. Curbing illegal immigration is Trump's signature issue — and one he returns to as a way to rally his most loyal supporters.

But anyone who takes over at Homeland Security is likely to run up against the same problems that Nielsen faced. The administration has already tried to clamp down at the border but those efforts have been largely thwarted or watered down due to legal challenges.

Trump also told allies that he

never fully trusted Nielsen, whom he associated with President George W. Bush, a longtime foe. And he told those close to him that he felt, at times, that her loyalty was more toward her longtime mentor — Kelly — than to the president.

Zinke, who faces several ethics investigations, said in interview with The Associated Press on Monday that he has spoken in recent days with Trump, Pence and Kelly about probes into his leadership and they remain supportive. He denied any wrongdoing.

Ross addressed turnover rumors at a Yahoo! Finance summit Tuesday, saying he was in the post to give back to the country and support Trump.

"I worked very hard to get President Trump elected," he said. "Now I'd like to work equally hard to have him succeed and be re-elected."

Questions about Nielsen's job security are not new. Earlier this year, she pushed back on a New York Times report that she drafted a resignation letter but did not submit it, after Trump scolded her at a Cabinet meeting.

Nielsen has led the sprawling post-9/11 federal agency since December. She had been chief of staff to Kelly when he was Trump's first Homeland Security secretary. A DHS spokesman would not comment on whether she was leaving.

"The secretary is honored to lead the men and women of DHS and is committed to implementing the president's security-focused agenda to protect Americans from all threats and will continue to do so," spokesman Tyler Houlton said. She pushed Trump's immigration policies, including funding for his border wall and defended the administration's practice of separating children from parents, telling a Senate committee that removing children from parents facing criminal charges happens "in the United States every day." But she was also instrumental in stopping the separations. □



In this Oct. 12, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump, left, shakes hands with Kirstjen Nielsen, right, after Trump announced that she is his choice to be the next Homeland Security Secretary, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

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Incoming House members prep for do's and don'ts on the Hill



Rep.-elect Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., listens during a news conference with members of the Progressive Caucus in Washington, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

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By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't hire someone you can't fire, like the son of a campaign donor or the child of the mayor. No matter what you may have said during the campaign about changing Congress, hire enough Hill veterans to make the office run smoothly. And make sure the person answering the phone sounds like folks from back home. That's only some of the advice headed for the historic class of House freshmen of both major political parties streaming into Washington this week for orientation on the nuts and bolts underpinning a job like none other. Under tight security, new members and their staffs pulled up in front of a hotel about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the Capitol on Tuesday. A bank of cameras and a table marked "luggage drop-off" awaited their arrivals in the morning chill.

"I'm just trying to figure out what's going on," said Rep.-elect Tim Burchett, R-Tenn., a former member of the state legislature. "I figure that we're the small fish in a very big pond right now." They are a younger generation of lawmakers — including a record number of women — arriving flush with victory and optimism. The Democrats are ready to take on President Donald Trump in the biggest and most diverse class of new lawmakers since Watergate.

"I hope that we are ushering in a new era," one of the class stars, Massachusetts Rep.-elect Ayanna Pressley, said Monday. Perhaps the most famous member of the freshman class, Democratic Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, jumped into the fray on Tuesday, joining about 200 climate-change activists as they staged a protest at the office of House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Ocasio-Cortez, 29, who is set to become the youngest member of Congress in January, addressed the group briefly before arrests

were made. Pelosi said in a statement that she welcomes the activists. She has pledged to reinstate a special committee on climate change after Democrats take control of the House. Among the new Democrats, there's an uncomfortable vote looming on whether Pelosi, former speaker of the House, should lead them. Rep.-elect Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., on Monday became the latest House Democrat newcomer to say she won't vote for Pelosi because she wants "new leadership." Pelosi has said she expects to become speaker again. Pressley and several of her classmates made their Washington debut on Monday in a packed news conference whose setting suggested as much about the new majority's intentions as the agenda they described. Gathered in the atrium of the AFL-CIO down the street from the White House, they appeared as the newest members of the ascendant House Progressive Caucus, dedicated to universal health care and new climate policy. The incoming majority, including a gain of at least 32 seats, will be fighting a Republican-led Senate and a president with a history of tweeting trouble for people who displease him. And the newly elected Republicans are on the same side as Trump, at least in theory. But for both parties of newcomers, those big questions are for later. The first votes on Pelosi, for example, won't unfold until after Thanksgiving. And the new Congress, the 116th session, doesn't convene until Jan. 3. Now, for many newcomers, it's a scramble to stand up offices in the warren of Capitol Hill and back home in House districts that each represent more than 700,000 people. Every office has a budget. And every freshman who doesn't already have a home in pricey Washington will have to figure out how to rent an apartment, or maybe just keep a rollaway bed in the office, on a \$174,000 salary. □

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Appointment of acting attorney general challenged in court

By **ERIC TUCKER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Maryland is challenging the appointment of Matthew Whitaker as the new U.S. acting attorney general, arguing that President Donald Trump sidestepped the Constitution and the Justice Department's own succession plan by elevating Whitaker to the top job. The Tuesday filing sets up a court challenge between a state and the federal government over the legitimacy of the country's chief law enforcement officer and foreshadows the likelihood of additional cases that present the same issues. In their filing, lawyers in the office of Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh argue that the job should have gone to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein instead of to Whitaker. They cite a statute governing the line of succession at the Justice Department that says that in the case of a vacancy in the attorney general position, the deputy attorney general may exercise "all the duties of that office." If neither is available for the job, according to that statute, then the associate attorney general is supposed to be elevated.

Besides that, the lawyers say, the Constitution requires the duties of the attorney general — who, as a presidential appointee, is known under the law as a "principal" officer — to be carried out only by someone confirmed by the Senate for the underlying position.

The state argues that Congress always intended for an attorney general to be confirmed by the Senate

given the national security and criminal justice powers inherent in the position, including the authority to control an investigation into the president. Without an established chain of command, according to the filing, presidents could select and then remove a series of attorneys general until they got their way.

"Absent the Attorney General Succession Act, the President could fire the Attorney General (or demand his resignation), then appoint a hand-picked junior Senate-confirmed officer from an entirely different agency, or a carefully selected senior employee who he was confident would terminate or otherwise severely limit the investigation," the filing states.

A Justice Department spokeswoman had no immediate comment, though the department was expected to release later this week an opinion from its Office of Legal Counsel defending the legitimacy of Whitaker's appointment. Whitaker was appointed last year as chief of staff to then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He became acting attorney general on Nov. 7 when Sessions was forced out.

The Maryland filing was made Tuesday in a legal dispute with the Trump administration over the Affordable Care Act. That lawsuit names Sessions as an individual defendant.

The state asks the judge to substitute Rosenstein as the defendant in place of Sessions, a move that would effectively declare him the proper attorney general.

The state's lawyers say that in addition to their concerns over the line of suc-

cession, Whitaker has "expressed idiosyncratic views that are inconsistent with longstanding Department of Justice policy."

They cite his criticism of the landmark Supreme Court opinion *Marbury v. Madison*, which ensured that courts had authority to strike down laws they considered unconstitutional. □



In this April 24, 2014, file photo, then-Iowa Republican senatorial candidate and former U.S. Attorney Matt Whitaker watches before a live televised debate in Johnston, Iowa.

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CNN sues Trump, demanding return of Acosta to White House

By **DAVID BAUDER**

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN took its access battle against the Trump administration to court on Tuesday, demanding the reinstatement of correspondent Jim Acosta's White House credentials because their revocation violates the right of freedom of the press. Besides seeking an injunction to let Acosta return immediately, CNN is launching a case that will test the ability of government officials anywhere to freeze out a reporter who displeases them.

The White House, never shy about picking a fight with CNN, says bring it on.

"This is just more grandstanding from CNN, and we will vigorously defend against this lawsuit," said White House press secretary Sarah Sanders.

The administration stripped Acosta of his pass following President Donald Trump's contentious news conference last week, during which Acosta refused to give up a microphone when the president said he didn't want to hear anything more from him.

Sanders initially explained the decision by accusing Acosta of making improper physical contact with the intern seeking to grab the



In this Nov. 7, 2018, file photo, CNN journalist Jim Acosta does a standup before a new conference with President Donald Trump in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

microphone. But that rationale disappeared after witnesses backed Acosta's account that he was just trying to keep the mic, and Sanders distributed a doctored video that made it appear Acosta was more aggressive than he actually was.

Trump called Acosta a "rude, terrible person," and Sanders on Tuesday accused Acosta of being unprofessional by trying to dominate the questioning at the news conference.

For its part, CNN believes the White House is trying to silence a reporter.

Trump has made CNN and its reporters a particular tar-

get of his denunciation of "fake news" and characterization of the media as an enemy of the people. CNN CEO Jeff Zucker, in a letter to White House chief of staff John Kelly, called Trump's attitude toward CNN a "pattern of targeted harassment."

"Mr. Acosta's press credentials must be restored so that all members of the press know they will remain free to ask tough questions, challenge government officials and report the business of the nation to the American people," said Theodore Olson, former U.S. solicitor general and one of CNN's lawyers on the case.

The White House Correspondents' Association backed the lawsuit, filed in Washington, D.C., district court.

"The president of the United States should not be in the business of arbitrarily picking the men and women who cover him," said Olivier Knox, president of the correspondents' group.

CNN would seem to be on strong legal ground, said Katie Fallow, senior staff attorney at the Knight First Amendment Institute. During the Nixon administration in the 1970s, the Secret Service tried to deny credentials to a reporter from the Nation magazine because he had been involved in physical altercations, but was overruled by the D.C. circuit court, she said.

"I think it's important, particularly as the president continues to push back on the role of an independent press, to stake out the legal rules that should govern this and not let the president block people from speaking based on their viewpoint," Fallow said.

CNN said Acosta was given no warning of the action, and no recourse to appeal it. Acosta traveled to Paris to cover Trump's visit there this weekend and, although given permission by the French government

to cover a news event, the Secret Service denied him entrance, the company said.

Because of this, CNN also has a strong argument to overturn the White House stance based on due process grounds, said Jeff Robbins, a lawyer who focuses on media issues for the firm of Saul, Ewing, Arstein & Lehr in Boston.

"Pick your poison — it's the Fifth Amendment or the First Amendment," Robbins said.

Legalities aside, the president has never been afraid to fight the media, believing the stance resonates with his supporters.

And Acosta is one of the reporters they dislike the most. Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, who worked for President George W. Bush, last week dismissed the supposed physical contact with an intern as a reason for banishing Acosta, but said he doesn't belong in the press room because he's essentially like an opinion columnist instead of a journalist.

Acosta is a "left-wing activist" more interested in disrupting the president than in asking serious questions, said Brent Bozell, president of the conservative media watchdog Media Research Center. □

Spanish-language reporter faces deportation from U.S.

By **ADRIAN SAINZ**

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Spanish-language reporter who faces deportation after his arrest while covering an immigration protest in Tennessee said Tuesday he was unjustly detained and faces danger if sent back to El Salvador.

Manuel Duran spoke publicly about his case for the first time since his arrest at an April rally protesting immigration policies the day before the 50th anniversary of the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. in downtown Memphis. Duran is from El Salvador and he has lived in Memphis for years. He ran



In this April 3, 2018 photo, Memphis police arrest Spanish-language reporter Manuel Duran during an immigration protest in Memphis, Tenn.

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the Memphis Noticias online news outlet and reported on the effects of U.S. im-

migration policies in the Hispanic community. Duran's lawyers have said he came

to the U.S. without permission in 2006 after receiving death threats related to reporting on corruption in El Salvador.

"It's dangerous for me to return to my country," he said in Spanish during the conference call.

Duran had been critical of law enforcement in his reporting. Activists say he faced retaliation for it. Memphis police have repeatedly denied those allegations, saying officers arrested Duran after an order to clear the street was given. In October, the Board of Immigration Appeals in Virginia denied an appeal in the case. Duran's lawyer, Michelle Lapointe,

said he could be deported within two weeks if the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta does not agree to delay his removal and re-open his deportation case. A ruling is pending.

Lapointe, who works with the Southern Poverty Law Center, said she will ask for asylum for Duran if the court does agree to open his case because reporters are facing worsening conditions in El Salvador.

Duran was issued a deportation order in 2007 after he failed to show up for court. His lawyers have said that he did not receive notice to report to court before the deportation order was issued. □



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The “worst toys” for the holidays, according to safety group

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A Black Panther “slash claw” and a plastic Power Rangers sword are among the items topping a consumer safety group’s annual list of worst toys for the holiday season. Massachusetts-based World Against Toys Causing Harm, or W.A.T.C.H., unveiled its 46th annual list of the 10 “worst toys” Tuesday at Franciscan Children’s Hospital in Boston.

Joan Siff, the nonprofit organization’s president, said many of the toys on the list represent choking, eye and other safety hazards that surface year after year, despite the group’s efforts.

Siff advised parents to shop “defensively” and not be lulled into a false sense of security because a toy is made by a familiar brand or sold at an established retailer. One child is treated in a U.S. emergency room every three minutes for a toy-related injury, according to the Center for Injury and Research at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

A Cabbage Patch Kids ballerina doll that made this year’s list, for example, is marketed to children ages two and above, but includes a removable tutu



James Swartz, director of the Massachusetts-based consumer safety group World Against Toys Causing Harm, or W.A.T.C.H., displays a Black Panther “slash claw” as he introduces toys topping the group’s annual list of worst toys for the holiday season, during a news conference, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, at a hospital, in Boston.

Associated Press

and headband that can be choking hazards, said James Swartz, a trial lawyer who serves as W.A.T.C.H.’s director. A slender mallet that comes with VTech’s caterpillar-shaped electronic xylophone — a toy made for children as young as 18 months old — is another similar choking threat, he said.

Other toys on the list included a Nerf gun that fires soft discs, a “stomp rocket” that launches foam-tipped projectiles up to 200 feet in the air and a plastic “cutting fruit” set. The cutting set, which includes a toy knife made out of rigid plastic, is made for children who are older than 2.

But the Toy Association, an

industry trade group that represents most of the toy companies named this year, complained the list is biased, inaccurate and “needlessly frightening” to parents. The association said many of the hazards highlighted by W.A.T.C.H. are clearly spelled out in the products’ packaging and instructions. It also said only two products listed on the nonprofit’s “worst toy” lists from the five years prior were recalled, and those two had already been pulled before W.A.T.C.H. released its list.

Swartz responded by pointing to a list of dozens of toys that have been recalled or pulled from retailers’ shelves from the early

2000s all the way back to the 1970s, in part by the group’s efforts.

And he said providing detailed warning labels “doesn’t absolve” toy makers from needing to simply design safer items. “They’re trying to shift the responsibility to parents and consumers,” Swartz said. “They’re really shirking their responsibility.” Swartz highlighted Hasbro’s retractable plastic claws for Marvel’s Black Panther, an item featured on this year’s list. The toy gloves come with a warning they should not be used to hit or swing at people.

“When you call it a slash claw,” he said, “there’s likely one thing a child is going to do with that claw.” □

Former Houston-area GOP chairman accused of stealing

By RYAN TARINELLI
The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A former Houston-area Republican Party chairman is accused of misapplying funds at his law firm and stealing from clients, according to court documents released Tuesday. The documents come a day after Jared Woodfill’s law office was raided by investigators with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office. A spokesman for the district attorney’s office on Tuesday said Woodfill has not been charged. A former client has accused Woodfill of illegally misapplying funds from her divorce, according to an affidavit tied to a search warrant for the law office. The woman, who said she filed for divorce in 2012 and hired Woodfill in December 2013, said he applied unearned funds “for the benefit of third parties for services that were not rendered on her behalf, but on the behalf of other clients,” the affidavit says. Authorities say Woodfill was given a \$225,000 payment to represent the woman in her divorce case. But, according to the affidavit, he commingled the payment with other client funds and made “third-party payments” not related to the woman. □

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UK Cabinet to meet after Britain, EU reach draft Brexit deal

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — After months of stalled talks, false starts and setbacks, negotiators from Britain and the European Union struck a proposed divorce deal Tuesday to provide for the U.K.'s smooth exit from the bloc.

But the agreement faces major political hurdles starting Wednesday, when British Prime Minister Theresa May will try to win the approval of her divided Cabinet for a deal many ministers view with skepticism.

The British government confirmed that the negotiating teams had reached a draft agreement and the Cabinet would hold a special meeting Wednesday afternoon to consider the proposal. Its support isn't guaranteed: May is under pressure from pro-Brexit ministers not to make further concessions to the EU on the key issue of the Irish border.

A spokesman for chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier urged caution, saying a deal wasn't yet finalized and the bloc would "take stock" Wednesday.

Ambassadors from the 27 other EU countries are also due to hold a meeting in Brussels on Wednesday.

Britain wants to seal a deal this fall, so that Parliament has time to vote on it before the U.K. leaves the bloc on March 29. The European Parliament also has to approve any agreement, as do all 28 EU nations.

Officials have said for weeks that agreement on divorce terms and a framework for



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, left, speaks at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

future U.K.-EU relations was 95 percent complete, and for several days negotiators have been meeting late into the night in Brussels in a bid to close the remaining gaps.

The main obstacle has long been how to ensure there are no customs posts or other checks along the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland after Brexit. Britain and the EU agree that there must be no barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on either side of the border and undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process — but they have differed on how to achieve that.

Irish national broadcaster RTE said the draft agreement involves a common customs arrangement for

the U.K. and the EU, to eliminate the need for border checks, with special provisions for Northern Ireland and a review mechanism to oversee its functioning.

A sticking point in talks has been Britain's insistence that any such customs arrangement must be temporary. The EU says that in order to guarantee an open border, it can't have a time limit.

The pound rallied on news of a deal, rising 1.5 percent against the dollar to \$1.3038.

But May faces pressure from pro-Brexit Cabinet members and lawmakers not to agree to an arrangement that binds Britain to EU trade rules indefinitely. Former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, a staunch "Brexit" supporter, said the deal was unacceptable and

Cabinet ministers should "chuck it out."

May also faces growing opposition from pro-EU lawmakers, who say her proposed Brexit deal is worse than the status quo and the British public should get a new vote on whether to leave or to stay.

May's Conservative Party doesn't hold a majority of seats in the House of Commons, and relies on 10 lawmakers from Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party to win votes. The DUP is wary of any border compromise that could bind Northern Ireland to the EU. DUP deputy leader Nigel Dodds said the party wouldn't accept "that our laws would be made in Brussels, not in Westminster or Belfast. That is the fundamental red line."

If there is no final agree-

ment soon, U.K. businesses will have to start implementing contingency plans for a "no-deal" Brexit — steps that could include cutting jobs, stockpiling goods and relocating production and services outside Britain.

Even with such measures in place, the British government says leaving the EU without a deal could cause major economic disruption, with gridlock at ports and disruption to supplies of foods, goods and medicines.

On Tuesday, the European Commission published a sheaf of notices outlining changes in a host of areas in the event of a no-deal Brexit. They point to major disruption for people and businesses: U.K. trucks' licenses won't be valid in the EU, British airlines will no longer enjoy traffic rights, and even British mineral water will cease to be recognized as such by the EU. The EU said Tuesday it was proposing visa-free travel for U.K. citizens on short trips, even if there is no deal — but only if Britain reciprocates.

For now, whether or not there is a deal relies on volatile British politics, and the outcome is hard to predict. "This side of the Channel we are very happy with a balanced solution to the Northern Irish dilemma," said Tom Vandenkendelaere, a Christian Democrat member of the European Parliament. "The other side of the Channel? No idea what the priorities of the British government are."

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Lebanon's 'lung' to Gulf markets choked by politics

By SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

AL-MASNA'A, Lebanon (AP)

— Lebanese exporters rejoiced last month when the Syrian government opened a key land crossing with Jordan that had been closed by years of war, restoring a much-needed overland trade route to lucrative Persian Gulf markets.

But lingering disputes between Lebanon and Syria, and political gridlock in Beirut, mean that many Lebanese businesses still rely on longer and costlier transport by sea, further stalling efforts to restore an economy battered by years of war in its larger neighbor.

The reopening of the Naseeb-Jaber crossing allowed Mohammed Araj, owner of a trucking firm in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, to retrieve two trucks that had been stranded in Jordan since 2015, when Syrian rebels captured the crossing. Two other of his refrigerator trucks had been parked in front of his house for the last three years.

Even before the crossing officially closed, his brother was briefly abducted by rebels while driving a truck through Syria, underscoring the perils they faced in trying to keep the route open. The crossing was Lebanon's "lung," Araj said, and its closure was a "death blow" to the economy, affecting farmers, merchants, industrialists and drivers. So he was pleased when Syrian government forces reopened the crossing and secured the route.

But for weeks he was unable to find exporters ready to give him shipping contracts. Finally, on Saturday, he sent his first truckloads to Saudi Arabia after offering an exporter an attractive price.



In this Oct. 31, 2018 photo, a Lebanese customs officer walks past trucks waiting to cross into Syria from the Lebanese border crossing point of al-Masna'a, in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon.

Associated Press

"People are still waiting to see what will happen," he said.

The land route through Syria, Jordan and Iraq is vital to Lebanon, which is squeezed between Syria, the closed border with Israel, and the sea. Lebanon's exports plunged from a high of 78 percent of GDP in 2008 — three years before the start of Syria's civil war — to a low of 36 percent in 2017.

Before Naseeb's closing, more than 250 trucks a day headed from Lebanon to markets in Syria, Jordan, Iraq and the Gulf. After the closure, that dropped to some 300 trucks in a good month, bound only for Syria, customs officials said.

An estimated 550,000 tons of vegetables and fruits a year used to be exported through the Syria-Jordan crossing, according to Ibrahim Tarshishi, head of the Bekaa farmer's union. Since the shutdown, that flow has dropped by nearly 40 percent, to no more than 330,000 tons. Exports

from Bekaa to Saudi Arabia have dropped by 60 percent, according to figures from the Bekaa chamber of commerce.

After the crossing reopened, Syria and Jordan imposed new transit tariffs on trucks heading to the Gulf. The Syrian increase alone was five-fold, Tarshishi said. Lebanon meanwhile subsidizes transport by sea.

Traders hope improved ties between Syria and Lebanon will lead to reduced tariffs, but Lebanon's political leaders are fiercely divided between supporters and opponents of President Bashar Assad, and they have been unable to form a government since elections in May. □

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Civilians in Israel, Gaza feel helpless amid new fighting

By ARON HELLER
Associated Press

ASHKELON, Israel (AP) — Loren Amar was watching TV with her father around midnight when an air-raid siren warning of incoming rocket fire blared through their working-class neighborhood in southern Israel. Their old apartment had no in-house shelter, so they huddled in the stairway just before a rocket from Gaza slammed into the building next-door, sending shrapnel and debris flying into their bedrooms — and the 29-year-old Amar to the hospital with shock symptoms.

"The walls shook and the hallway filled with white smoke. It felt like an earthquake," she recalled Tuesday, a hospital identity tag still wrapped around her wrist. "The electricity went out and we didn't know whether to go up or down. I was hysterical."

It was the first lethal rocket attack from Gaza in years, and yet the only fatality was a Palestinian laborer from the West Bank. Two Israeli women were critically wounded.

In just 24 hours, Gaza militants fired more than 450 rockets and mortar shells into southern Israel, the most serious escalation since a 50-day war between Israel and Hamas in 2014. Israel responded with a wave of airstrikes it said targeted militants.



The facade of an apartment building shows damage after it was hit by a rocket fired by Palestinian militants from Gaza, in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon, Israel, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

Associated Press

Residents angrily demanded the government restore calm for good, even if that means another war. Yet many people wearily expressed a sense of helplessness, as successive governments fail to come up with an effective policy to bring quiet to the Israel-Gaza frontier.

Hamas militants seized Gaza in 2007, triggering an Israeli-Egyptian border blockade that has choked the territory of 2 million people. Israel refuses to lift the blockade unless Hamas disarms, a demand the militants refuse. The volatile standoff has produced repeated rounds of violence,

including indiscriminate Gaza rocket fire at Israeli border towns.

Word late Tuesday that Gaza militants agreed to a cease-fire was unlikely to sway people's minds that there is no long-term solution to the Gaza conundrum.

"I don't know how you stop this thing. Nothing helps. Whatever you do it always comes back," said Shlomit Hayat, 38.

She noted that the deadly violence came just days after Israel allowed Qatar to deliver \$15 million in cash to Gaza to alleviate its economic hardship and after Israeli Prime Minister Benja-

min Netanyahu said he'd do everything he can to prevent an "unnecessary" war.

The latest fighting was triggered by a botched Israeli raid into Gaza on Sunday that set off clashes resulting in the deaths of seven Palestinian militants, including a local Hamas commander, and a senior Israeli military officer.

Palestinian militant groups said the rocket barrage was a message to Israel that such incursions have a cost.

Gazans have similar fears when fighting breaks out. While Israel says it has confined its airstrikes to military

targets, hundreds of Palestinian civilians have been killed in the three previous wars. For many in Gaza, the latest outbreak of fighting brought back fears that no place is truly safe in the densely populated territory.

On Tuesday, an Israeli airstrike destroyed a six-story residential building in the Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City that housed a kindergarten on its ground floor. Israel said the building was used by Hamas for military purposes — a charge denied by residents.

"All the people here are civilians, children and families," said Mamdouh al-Shurafa, a building resident. "When we are bombed in the middle of the city, where can we go?"

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars since the group seized Gaza from the internationally-backed Palestinian Authority in 2007.

In the most recent war, over 2,200 Palestinians were killed, more than half of them civilians, and tens of thousands were left homeless.

Seventy-three people, most of them soldiers, were killed on the Israeli side.

Israel's Iron Dome rocket-defense system and advanced warning networks have provided a large degree of protection from the rockets, which killed some 30 civilians in the decade prior to the 2014 war. □



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At Southeast Asian summit, pushback against going it alone

By ANNABELLE LIANG
ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — The annual gathering of Southeast Asian leaders began Tuesday with a warning from the host, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, about threats against international rules that underpin world stability and economic growth.

"The international order is at a turning point," Lee said at the opening ceremony of the summit of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

"The existing free, open and rules-based multilateral system, which has underpinned ASEAN's growth and stability, has come under stress," Lee said.

U.S. President Donald Trump's "America First" foreign policy and his resistance to multilateral agreements and institutions are viewed as an affront and a challenge in a region whose modern economies are largely driven by global trade.

Among issues on the agen-



ASEAN Leaders pose for a group photo during the opening ceremony for the 33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summits Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, in Singapore.

Associated Press

da for ASEAN and other leaders attending meetings in Singapore this week, including U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, are talks on a new regional trade pact that would commit member countries and others in the Asian-Pacific region to opening markets further. Lee said ASEAN and other participating countries including India and China, but not the United States, have made "substantive progress" on the market-

opening initiative, called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. However, it's unclear if a deal will be reached in Singapore.

Participants say India, for one, is balking at opening its markets wider to imports from China under the accord.

Trump is staying away from the Singapore summit, and also from the annual meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

forum that will begin later this week in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Chinese leaders are busy burnishing their own free trade credentials as they speak out against Trump's efforts to get Beijing to change policies aimed at making Chinese industries leaders in advanced technologies.

Three days after taking office, Trump pulled out of a Pacific Rim trade initiative, the Trans-Pacific Partnership. He has ordered punitive tariffs on billions of dollars of Chinese products, among other measures, to address complaints over the U.S. trade deficit, China's technology policies and other market access issues.

"All countries are linked in the same industrial chain in the world today and China and the U.S. are an important part of it.

No one wants or expects to see an interruption of it," Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said Tuesday in a lecture on the sidelines of the summit. □

IAEA urges quick plan on Fukushima radioactive water cleanup

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency urged the operator of Japan's tsunami-wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant on Tuesday to urgently decide on a plan to dispose of massive amounts of treated but still radioactive water stored in tanks on the compound.

A 13-member IAEA team told reporters in Tokyo after a weeklong review that managing nearly 1 million tons of radioactive water is critical to the plant's safe and sustainable decommissioning.

The IAEA team said in a preliminary report that hundreds of tanks currently used to store the water over large areas of the plant's compound can



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) team leader Christophe Xerri, Director of the IAEA's Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology, listens to a question during a press conference on a review Japan's decommissioning work at Fukushima Daiichi Site in Tokyo Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

Associated Press

only be a temporary solution and must be removed "urgently."

The cores of three reactors at the plant suffered meltdowns following a massive 2011 earthquake and tsunami that devastated parts

of northeastern Japan.

Radioactive water has leaked from the damaged reactors and mixed with groundwater and rainwater at the plant. The water is treated and stored in large tanks.

More than 7 1/2 years since the accident, officials have yet to agree on what to do with the radioactive water. A government-commissioned panel has picked five alternatives, including the controlled release of the water into the Pacific Ocean, which nuclear experts say is the only realistic option. Fishermen and residents, however, strongly oppose the proposal.

That option faced a major setback this summer when the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., acknowledged that the water, which it said had been carefully treated, was not clean enough. It said the water contains cancer-causing cesium and other elements in excess of allowable limits for release into the environment. □

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Colombia opens camp for Venezuela migrants as exodus swells

By **CHRISTINE ARMARIO**

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombian authorities moved homeless Venezuelan migrants to a soccer field filled with yellow tents and cots Tuesday, as the number of migrants fleeing their nation's economic and humanitarian calamity continues to rise.

The first migrant camp for Venezuelans in Colombia's capital sparked a protest from residents who said they feared their new neighbors would bring crime and disease — the latest hint of escalating tensions throughout the region over the spillover of Venezuela's crisis.

"They want to ruin our communities!" a man cried out from his balcony overlooking the field of tents, later switching to English and yelling, "Welcome to the jungle!" Colombian officials had been reluctant to set up refugee-style camps, even while similar sites have been created at Ecuador's border with Peru and in Brazil. The new camp is modeled after a temporary refugee settlement for Syrian arrivals in France.

Authorities fear camps could become permanent fixtures and hinder Venezuelans from integrating into society. But with over 1 million Venezuelans now living in Colombia, officials said they had no choice but to offer tents to destitute migrants. "There's nothing else left to do," said Cristina Velez, Bogota's secretary for social integration.

The migrants taken to the



Venezuelan migrants arrive to a new, refugee-style camp set up by the government in Bogota, Colombia, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

camp had been living in a park outside a bus station in conditions considered a potential public health risk. Families with young children were living cramped together alongside railroad tracks and cooking food over makeshift fires. Many had reached Bogota after long walks by foot and didn't have enough money to rent a room.

Velez said Colombian officials talked with their counterparts in Paris over Skype to determine how to create a temporary camp, settling on a model that would keep families together while dividing up single men and women into separate tents. Migrants will be allowed to stay at the camp for up to three months and will be given information on accessing education and health care.

The initial capacity for the camp will be 500 people, though Velez said officials will evaluate whether a more permanent fixture is needed.

"We are going step by step

because everything has changed very quickly," she said.

The current exodus from Venezuela began in mid-2015 and has climbed steadily as Venezuelans face crippling hyperinflation, food and medicine shortages, and high crime. According to the United Nations, a total of 2.3 million have fled in the last three years alone.

Colombia has received more migrants than any other nation at a time when it is already tackling a litany of domestic issues including surging coca production and a fragile peace process with leftist rebels.

The arrival of so many Venezuelans has sparked xenophobic attacks throughout the region. Last month, a group of Venezuelans living in Colombia's capital said a mob beat a man to death and ransacked their homes while shouting slurs against foreigners. In Brazil, violence erupted after a local storeowner was stabbed and beaten in an

assault blamed on Venezuelan migrants.

As officials transported the Venezuelans to the new camp in Bogota, a dozen angry residents stood in front of a gate attempting to block their arrival. Residents in a large new condominium now overlooking a field of yellow tents and cots took photos. Several said they were angry officials hadn't given them advance notice while others worried Venezuelans would take their jobs. "I'm going to be left with nothing," said Esperanza Contreras, 60, who sells grilled corn and said she feared Venezuelans willing to work for less would steal her customers. Still others complained that Colombian officials chose a field prone to flooding and expressed worry about sanitary conditions for several hundred migrants sharing 10 portable toilets. They said officials should do more to make sure migrants have access to safe water, food and jobs. "Not even animals should be there!" Giovanna Sanchez, 35, shouted into a microphone outside the camp. Venezuelans arriving at the camp said they were jolted by the protest. "I feel less safe because of what we're seeing outside," one man said. "They don't want us here." As they completed a registration process and made their way toward the tents, many said they felt deceived by authorities who had promised showers and food. □

Mexico to hold another referendum, this time on new train

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP)

— Mexico's president-elect said Monday he will hold another public referendum later this month on his proposal for a railway to connect the main tourist attractions across the Yucatan peninsula.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said during a trip to the Yucatan state capital of Merida that the public can vote on the train and nine other proposed projects and programs Nov. 24 and 25. Lopez Obrador has said the train would run 932 miles (1,500 kilometers) across five states. He promotes it as a regional economic development project that would share the economic boom of Cancun's world class beach resorts with poorer, more remote parts of the south. Another project on the ballot will be construction of an oil refinery in his home state of Tabasco as well as social programs such as giving scholarships to students and pensions to seniors. Lopez Obrador said he would openly push for public support because they are campaign promises. He won election July 1 in a resounding victory and will take office Dec. 1. The referendum, like the last one, will be conducted by a nonprofit, the Rosenbluth Foundation. □

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ORANJESTAD – Kayla Rojas is Project Coordinator at the Heart-Centered Leadership Foundation: “We are a foundation focusing on youth between 14 and 25, empowering them by offering trainings, programs, seminars. Our mission is to offer young people the tools that can foster their personal development and enable them to be sustainable.” The foundation believes in three R’s when it comes to sustainability: Responsible, Respectful and Resilient. “Especially resilient as we work from the inside out and give them the tools to stand firmly in their shoes and that tomorrow –regardless of any obstacle they may confront in life- they can continue on without struggling or completely giving up. We strongly believe in building strength from the inside out.”

Lot of the time you can look strong from the outside while from the inside you face sadness, traumas and struggle. There are several risk factors for young people: Individual factors like a lack of motivation and relationship with peers. Than you have the family factor; how involved are parents with the school, the education level of the family and the social-economic situation at home. The last one is the pull-push factor, the school climate, the



culture, the language and the environment. Kayla: “For example: Does the private situation prevent the child from going to school? We had a teenager who actually had to work to provide for his family, sacrificing school for an income at home. There is where we could be of help and support and guide.” She explains that it is not a problems or an embarrassment to reach out. “We see that you have the potential but you are not unleashing it. That’s how we try to turn it around.”

Who Am I

“Our signature program is called ‘The Power Within Me’ and focuses on personal development and most of all self-esteem. Topics are ‘How do you communicate’, ‘team work’, ‘what are your norms and values’, ‘answering the question Who Am I’. When you know that you build yourselves stronger and resistant against peer pressure or bullying. It is most about creating awareness and consciousness.” Another training is ‘The Sky Is The Limit’ concentrating on visualization and goal setting. You could look at it as a guidance and support for young people.

Their Future

Besides Kayla as the Project Coordinator, the foundation is run by the director and volun-



teers. The director is a Facilitator of the trainings and she has a lot of experience in this field. She worked and still does with the Educare Foundation, they are based in Los Angeles and they offer three days seminars called ACE, standing for Achievement and Commitment to Excellence. “We carry out that program here, it is intense but has very good satisfaction rates. We did it in 2012 for 100 youth leaders in Aruba, like members of Parlamento Hubenil, Circle K and so on. From 2014 to 2017 it was repeated under the program ‘Their Future, Our Duty’, focusing on drop-out prevention for underprivileged youngsters. The program was an initiative from Cooperating Funds of The Netherlands and they carried it out within the Caribbean part of the Dutch Kingdom. We as foundation operated for Aruba. Under that umbrella we gave the ACE program. The absenteeism dropped and it really was affective.”

We Take Care

There is a group of youngsters that always look for the foundation and have become volunteer leaders themselves. Kayla: “They feel it works for them. We also recruit youth leaders in schools and we recently started a youth platform called Aruba Youth Impact where youngsters can share their ideas and concerns and actually act upon them. That is how we get this group more involved. It is a mix of youngsters of all levels, with all kind of problems or none at all. They just feel comfortable with us as we are a family here. We take care of them.”

Future Plans

“Young people are walking around with a lot of baggage and sometimes parents and teachers do their best but it is not enough. We want to continue working with underprivileged youngsters in individual and group sessions and strengthening them. And we have our youth platform that is establishing firmly, organizing also the Impact Café that is based on the World Café model where you bring youngsters together and discuss topics”, says Kayla. □

If you would like to visit the foundation, please call + (297) 584 1211 and ask for Kayla Rojas. For more information visit their Facebook: Heart-Centered Leadership Foundation. Thank You!

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Jolly Pirates rides high with more than 20 years of sailing success



PALM BEACH — Jolly Pirates has formed a part of the tourism landscape, the billowing sails of its twin schooners decorating the seascape, offering sailing and memorable Aruba vacations. Over the years, it has held to the winning formula of majestic wooden ship, onboard merriment, and expert guidance for snorkeling adventures, while also seeking responsible, 'Green' ways to enhance community efforts. While visitors can still look forward to perfecting their cannonball off the rope swing, they can also now toast to another 20 years with recyclable cups and use reusable bags to carry off their Jolly Pirates

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Jolly Pirates launched its first schooner in 1997. The beautiful wooden schooner was soon complemented by a teak-decked twin, both skillfully captained by a long-time staff dedicated to entertaining growing fans of the island's most popular sail and snorkel cruises. Jolly Pirates later sought to further serve visitors by adding a souvenir shop. Through the years, and with all its endeavors, Jolly Pirates also carried out some really great eco-friendly initiatives.

"We worked to ensure both our schooners were not only pleasing to the eye and comfortable for our guests, but also that they operated cleanly. In order to reduce our carbon footprint, we installed wind generators and solar panels to help power lights and stereo as well as ensure we used less diesel fuel," comments co-owner Harald Buser who is originally from Holland, and maintains the eco-conscious attitudes with which he was raised.

Co-owner, and native New Englander, Carla Cavallo also seeks to support a healthy environment. "Giving back to Aruba is easy when you consider all that the island has given me," remarks Carla, who watched her own son Tyler grow up with a love of the sea. Blessed to find home, happiness and business success in Aruba, she is clearly passionate about doing her part to protect the island's treasured marine environment for the next generation.



Ships' Captains Julio, Ron and Edwin have all been with Jolly Pirates since almost the very first sail. Their combined capable assistance and friendliness has become an attraction on its own, with guests looking forward to reconnect with their crew favorites each year. Between first-time visitors and numerous return guests, Jolly Pirates continues to ride high, driven by a long history of positive word-of-mouth and a lengthy list of rave reviews that often relate personal tales of outstanding, on-board experiences.

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Four Years Successful Gourmet Dinner @ The Kitchen Table by White: It is all about Consistency

EAGLE BEACH — The Kitchen Table by White is an elegant, classy, intimate, high-quality restaurant with an exceptional dining set-up. Dining here is an experience, a kind of sitting- at your- best- friend's or family's kitchen table where you feel and taste that the food contains love. Are you looking for something different, an ecstatic foody trip, than this is where you need to go.

Take your drive to the condominium towers of Blue Residences at Eagle Beach as The Kitchen Table is located just behind the pool of this residence. A warm welcome awaits you from Andres, the manager, and because of the personal touch of the place, the owner might just walk in too. The roof terrace is where you are treated with a welcome cocktail while admiring the sun set above the Caribbean ocean, straight in front of you. There is a reason why it is called El Mirador. Find it out!

Michelin-trained Executive Chef

The restaurant itself only has 16 comfortable seats and you are seated with the painting work of local artists all around you. The core of the art however, comes from the kitchen here. A gastronomic 7-8 course feast, a celebration to your tasting buds. Responsible for this culinary magic is well-known island chef Urvin Croes together with his professional kitchen team. Croes, born and raised in Aruba, graduated from culinary school and went on to gain experience in Michelin star restaurants in Europe. "We are four years serving culinary experiences here. The best thing for me at The Kitchen Table is that I can be creative, make up my own menu not only with ingredients but also by using local products and combine the local taste with international flavors", Croes says to Aruba Today. The focus of the restaurant is on the Caribbean touch, therefore they prefer buying from local farmers and suppliers. "This gives an extra dimension to our guests as they really get to taste a part of Aruba." The best compliment the team received from an Aruban guest, living



for more than 20 years outside of Aruba, saying with tears in his eyes: "This takes me back to my grandmother's dishes."

Journey through Culinary Land

With the menu the chef wishes to tell a story from a part of the history of the region. Last month the topic was West-Indian islands, many inhabitants of those islands came to live on Aruba in the time of the Lago refinery and they brought their own typical food. This month, July, the theme is 'potpourri', a mixture of the cultures living on Aruba. "The multicultural community translated into haute-cuisine. We created 48 custom-made menus in the four years we exist, all related to Aruba and its region." The wines to go with the courses are selected by Croes, manager Andres and a sommelier. Croes also finds his satisfaction in the connection with the guests here as you see the chef performing in front of you and every course is introduced by him. He reveals a piece of his own by telling about the dishes from his past, prepared by his family. It is the personal touch and a bit of education about the island's culinary background that makes it a true journey through culinary land. □



The Kitchen Table is open for Breakfast from 8:00 am to 12:00 am, open for lunch from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and open for a 7-course dinner. Starting with a cocktails at 6:45 pm. Dinner starts at 7:15 pm. More information: <http://www.thekitchentablebywhite.com/> or Facebook The Kitchen Table by White.

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A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 14

SDG's and the opportunities for the private sector

- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have become a global standard for businesses. Come and see how the SDG's can provide new business opportunities and sustainable business practices. Presented by Magdy Martinez-Soliman.
- From 5:30 PM till 7 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Auditorium
- Facebook Aruba Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Saturday 17

Konnichi WaW Sushi Night at BLUE

- Join us at Renaissance Aruba's BLUE Bar for an unforgettable Saturday evening featuring an eclectic menu of handcrafted sushi selections, imported wine and beers from Japan, authentic sake, and a LIVE sushi-making station run by its very own sushi chef!
- From 6 PM till 10 PM
- Blue Bar, Renaissance Aruba
- Facebook Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



Thursday 15 Red Thursday

- Receive 20% off today on all fresh meat at Ling & Sons. Take advantage of this super discount on Beef, Chicken, Pork and turkey.
- From 8 AM till 9 PM
- Ling & Sons IGA Supercenter
- Facebook Ling & Sons IGA Super Center

Sunday 18

Micky's Foundation - Walk for Angels

- Come with the whole family and walk to support Micky's Foundation. This foundation helps the children of Aruba who are in need of special care and education to be able to have a better life. Walk for a good cause!
- Starts at 5 PM
- Linear Park
- Facebook Fundacion Zinnia



Friday 16

1st Annual "Linking Orange" Conference

- Be part of the movement that is pioneering the efforts to spark and stimulate a booming creative economy for Aruba. They will be providing empowering and inspirational information about how you can take action and use Arts, Culture and Creativity to develop a new economic pillar for Aruba.
- From 8 AM till 1 PM
- Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino
- Facebook Go Cultura Foundation



Monday 19

Fashion and Design workshop

- Ateliers '89 gladly presents its last 2 workshops for 2018. 'Hero's in Fashion' by Agatha Mickiewicz and 'Making Musical Instruments' by Kristina Czika.
- From 6:30 PM till 9:30 PM
- Ateliers'89, Oranjestad
- Facebook Ateliers'89

Tuesday 20

Astroimaging: Past, Present and Future

- This talk will take you through the high points of astronomical imaging, from the invention of photography, the perfection of multi-color ground-based imaging with large telescopes, to the construction of the Hubble Space Telescope. Guest speaker is observational astronomer Sandra Moore Faber.
- From 7 PM till 10 PM
- University of Aruba
- Facebook Space and Nature Aruba Foundation



SPORTS



Detroit Pistons coach Dwane Casey reacts during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Atlanta Hawks on Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in Atlanta.

AP

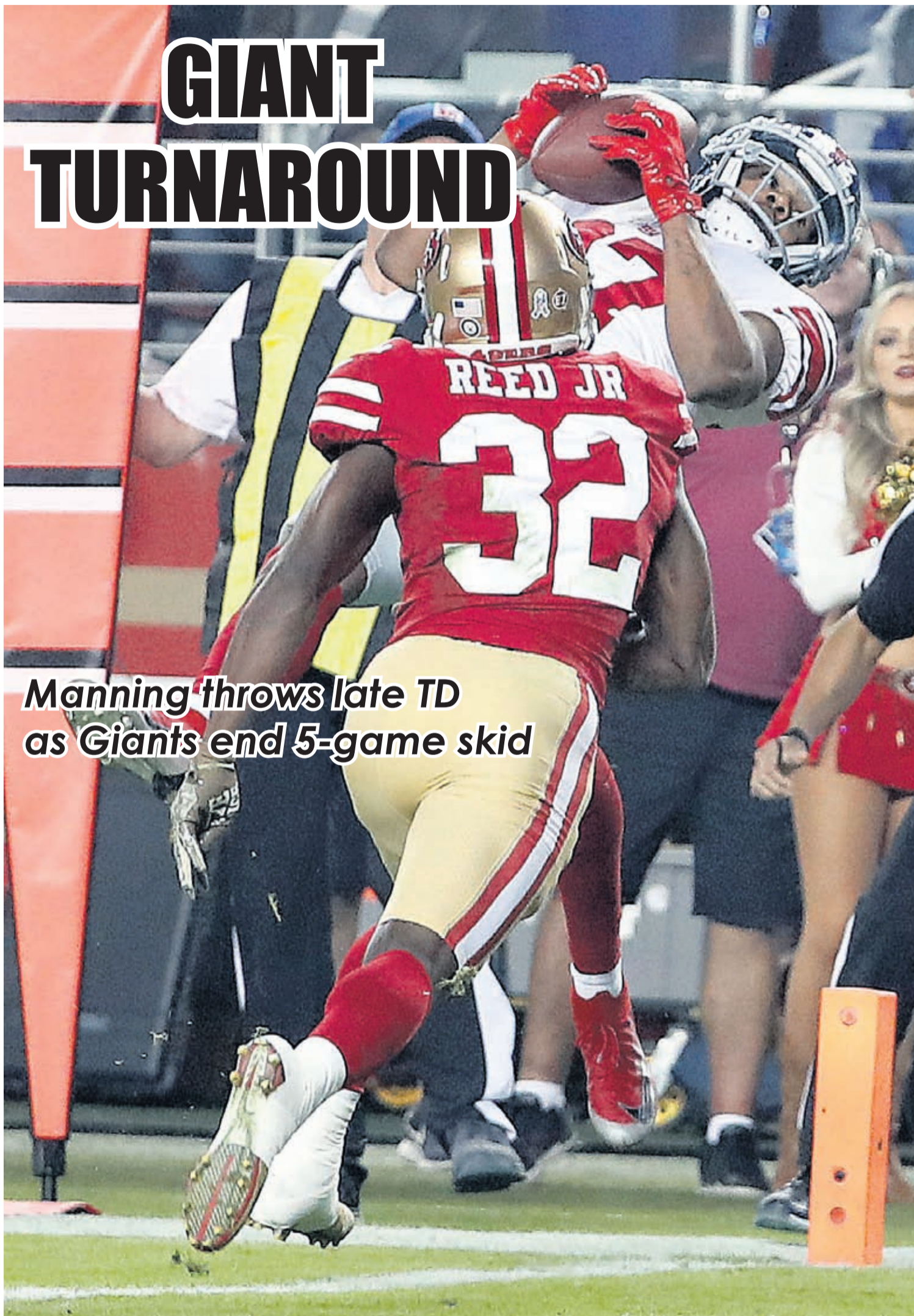
Players: Emotions will run high when Casey makes his return

TORONTO (AP) — Kyle Lowry and Jonas Valanciunas spent a dozen years between them developing their games under coach Dwane Casey. Valanciunas had never played for any other NBA head coach before this season. When they welcome Casey and his Detroit Pistons back to Toronto on Wednesday night, the two longest-serving current Raptors know emotions will be running high. "It's going to be different, but hey, I'm still going to try to take his head off, the team's head off," Lowry said with a laugh. The Raptors will face Detroit for the first time since Casey was fired, just days after Toronto was ousted from the playoffs by Cleveland for the third consecutive season. Lowry became a four-time NBA all-star under Casey's watch, while Valanciunas has grown into a multi-skilled big man.

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GIANT TURNAROUND

*Manning throws late TD
as Giants end 5-game skid*



New York Giants wide receiver Sterling Shepard, top, catches a touchdown pass over San Francisco 49ers cornerback D.J. Reed Jr. (32) during the second half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

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Lundqvist ties Plante on NHL wins list, Rangers edge Canucks

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist stopped 25 shots to lead the surging New York Rangers to a 2-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Monday night. Filip Chytil and Brett Howden scored to help Lundqvist get his 437th career win, tying Jacques Plante for seventh place on the NHL's all-time list. The Rangers improved to 6-0-1 in the last seven.

Lundqvist made two big saves on Vancouver's rookie sensation Elias Pettersson in the closing seconds to preserve the win.

Nikolay Goldobin scored and Jacob Markstrom made 25 saves for the Canucks, who snapped a six-game point streak (4-0-2). The 19-year-old Chytil tied the score 1-1 with 7:18 left in the second on a rebound from the left side for his first of the season. The 20-year-Howden got the game-winner with 8:41 left in the third when he snapped a wrist shot past Markstrom.

HURRICANES 3, BLACK-HAWKS 2, OT

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sebastian Aho scored 1:16 into overtime and Carolina spoiled Cam Ward's emotional return to Raleigh.

Teuvo Teravainen and Michael Ferland scored power-play goals 66 seconds apart late in the second period for Carolina, which has earned points in three straight and beat Chicago for the second time in four nights.

Ward stopped 37 shots in his return to PNC Arena, Jonathan Toews scored a deflected goal and Alex DeBrincat added a goal, but the Blackhawks lost their eighth straight.

Carolina's Scott Darling made 33 saves against his former team, in regulation coming up with a slick glove save to stop Patrick Kane on a 2-on-1 and making a left pad save to stop Nick Schmaltz on a break-away.

Aho's winner came after he took a pass at the blue line, then skated in before drifting across the net and beating Ward with a wrist shot.

BLUE JACKETS 2, STARS 1

DALLAS (AP) — Pierre-Luc Dubois scored midway through the third period to lift Metropolitan Division-leading Columbus.

Dubois took a pass from Cam Atkinson behind the net and backhanded the puck under the crossbar with 9:39 left for his eighth goal.

Atkinson had scored the game's first goal in the second period.

Alexander Radulov, who returned to the Stars' lineup, tied the game in the second period.

The Blue Jackets extended their points streak to five games (3-0-2) and are two points ahead of the New York Rangers in the division. Columbus has won its last seven games against the Stars.

Dallas maintained fourth place in the Central Division.

Columbus goalie Sergei Bobrovsky and Dallas' Anton Khubodin each had 26 saves.

DUCKS 2, PREDATORS 1, SO ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pontus Aberg and Rickard Rakell scored in the shootout, John Gibson made 34 saves and the Ducks dealt Nashville its first road loss of the year.

Rakell scored in the fourth round of the shootout to give the Ducks the 2-1 lead. Gibson then stopped Kevin Fiala for the win.

Ryan Getzlaf scored in regulation for Anaheim, which improved to 2-2 in shootouts.

Fiala scored in regulation and Kyle Turris in the shootout for Nashville, which had a five-game winning streak snapped. Pekka Rinne made 29 saves. It was the Predators' first shootout of the season. □



New York Rangers' Brady Skjei (76) checks Vancouver Canucks' Bo Horvat (53) during the third period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, in New York. The Rangers won 2-1.

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Manning's late TD pass leads Giants past 49ers 27-23

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) —

Eli Manning threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard with 53 seconds left and the New York Giants snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the San Francisco 49ers 27-23 on Monday night.

"It means a lot," Manning said. "That's what I told the guys this week. We've worked too hard not to be rewarded with wins. ... We just weren't able to get some of the outcomes or make the plays we needed to win. Today we were able to do that."

Manning threw two TD passes to Odell Beckham Jr. and then engineered the late game-winning drive with help from a pair of third-down penalties against Malcolm Smith and Ahkello Witherspoon.

Saquon Barkley then had a 23-yard catch to get the ball into the red zone and Manning connected with Shepard on third down to give the Giants (2-7) the win.

"I just saw man-to-man coverage," Shepard said. "That's something we've been practicing. I was able to capture the outside edge and Eli put the ball in a perfect place."

Matt Breida ran for 101 yards and scored two touchdowns for the 49ers (2-8), who were unable to win consecutive games under third-string quarterback Nick Mullens. Breida's 23-yard run helped set up a 30-yard field goal by Robbie Gould that gave the Niners a 23-20 lead with 2:46 to play.

But the 49ers allowed the go-ahead score and couldn't pull it out at the end as Mullens' pass from the Giants 20 sailed out of



New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) passes against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.

the end zone on the final play.

Mullens wasn't nearly as sharp as he was in his NFL debut against the Raiders on Nov. 1 when he joined Hall of Famers Jim Kelly and Fran Tarkenton as the only players with at least 250 yards passing, three touchdown passes and no interceptions in the first career game.

Mullens threw for 250 yards and had an 11-yard TD pass to Breida that made it 20-10 early in the third quarter. But Mullens also threw two interceptions with the first setting up a 10-yard TD pass from Manning to Beckham.

Those two connected

again on a 20-yard score in the third quarter as New York rallied from 10 points down to tie the game in the second half.

HARD HIT

Niners receiver Marquise Goodwin was hit in the helmet by Alec Ogletree on a catch late in the third quarter and briefly left the game. On his first play back in to start the fourth quarter, a pass from Mullens deflected off Goodwin's hands for the second interception of the game by B.J. Goodson. Goodwin was slow to get up after that play and went back into the medical tent for observation. Goodwin returned to the game later in the fourth quarter.

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

The Giants entered the game converting just 40 percent of their red zone trips into TDs. They missed a golden opportunity for one late in the first half. On a third down from the 3, the 49ers left Beckham unguarded in the slot but Manning stuck with a run play to Barkley that gained only 1 yard. New York settled for a field goal that tied the game at 10.

The Niners then drove down for a late field goal to take the lead at the break as the Giants trailed at the half for the eighth time this season.

PLAYING FOR PARADISE

Niners GM John Lynch wel-

comed the high school

football team from Paradise, a town destroyed by the wildfires in Butte County, about 175 miles north. Players and cheerleaders from the school were on the field for the national anthem.

The air quality for the game was at an unhealthy level because of the fires.

The Air Quality Index was at 161 at kickoff, which is in the unhealthy zone, and smoke could be smelled throughout the stadium.

The NFL had monitored the situation but the AQI never got near 200, the level where the game would have needed to be moved. □

Timberwolves beat Nets after LeVert's gruesome injury

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns had 25 points and a season-high 21 rebounds, and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Brooklyn Nets 120-113 on Monday after finally trading Jimmy Butler.

The Nets lost leading scorer Caris LeVert to what appeared to be a severe right leg injury late in the first half. Jeff Teague returned from a six-game absence to score 24 points for Minnesota, which snapped a five-game losing streak.

The Timberwolves officially dealt Butler to the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday, along with big man Justin Patton. The Wolves received Robert Covington, Dario Saric, Jerryd Bayless and a 2022 second-round pick in the trade.

LeVert's gruesome injury brought the entire crowd at Target Center to a silence. LeVert spent several minutes on the court being attended by medical personnel. Timberwolves players huddled in prayer while Nets players surrounded their injured teammate before he was wheeled off the court.

D'Angelo Russell made a career-high nine 3-pointers and scored 31 points for the Nets, who shot a season-worst 39.6 percent from the field.

PELICANS 126, RAPTORS 110
TORONTO (AP) — Anthony Davis had 25 points and a season-high 20 rebounds, E'Twaun Moore scored a season-high 30 points and New Orleans snapped Toronto's six-game winning streak.

Jrue Holiday had 29 points and matched a season high with 14 assists, and Julius Randle added 17 points and 12 rebounds as New Orleans won its third straight following a six-game losing streak.

The Pelicans outscored the Raptors 72-42 in the paint and snapped a six-game losing streak against Toronto.

Pascal Siakam scored 22 points, Kawhi Leonard had

20 and Serge Ibaka had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the Raptors lost for the first time in eight home games this season. Toronto entered with an NBA-best 12-1 record.

CLIPPERS 121, WARRIORS 116, OT

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lou Williams scored 10 of his 25 points in overtime after the Clippers blew a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter, and Los Angeles hung to beat Golden State at home for the first time in nearly four years.

Williams rallied after missing shots in the closing minutes of regulation, when the Warriors ran off 11 straight points to force overtime tied at 106-all.

Montrezl Harrell added 23 points off the bench and rookie Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 18.

The Clippers snapped a seven-game skid against the Warriors at Staples Center, where they last won on Dec. 25, 2014.

Kevin Durant had 33 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for the Warriors before fouling out with 3:46 left in the extra session. Klay Thompson added 31 points, but was just 5 of 16 on 3-pointers on a night without injured fellow Splash Brother Stephen Curry.

76ERS 124, HEAT 114

MIAMI (AP) — Joel Embiid scored 35 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, and Philadelphia added to Miami's early-season struggles.

The win came hours after the 76ers finalized a trade with Minnesota to land four-time All-Star Jimmy Butler, who was in Philadelphia and not with the club in Miami. Butler will be introduced at the 76ers' facility in Camden, New Jersey, on Tuesday, before he flies to Orlando and makes his debut with Philly on Wednesday night against the Magic.

JJ Redick scored 25 points, Furkan Korkmaz scored 16 and Ben Simmons and Mike Muscala each had 13 for Philadelphia.

Goran Dragic scored 22 points for Miami, which got 17 from Josh Richardson and 14 from Wayne Ellington. The Heat have dropped three straight, all of them at home.

JAZZ 96, GRIZZLIES 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Joe Ingles scored 19 points, Rudy Gobert added 15 points and 16 rebounds and Utah won its third straight.

The Jazz broke open a close game in the final six minutes with a 14-5 run. Gobert had eight points in the stretch as Utah built its lead to 11 points in the late stages.

Derrick Favors and Donovan Mitchell finished with 12 points apiece for Utah. Mike Conley led Memphis with 24 points, while Marc Gasol added 16. Jaren Jackson Jr. and MarShon Brooks finished with 10 points each, and Jackson had 11 rebounds.

The loss was the first at home for Memphis this season.

THUNDER 118, SUNS 101

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Paul George matched his season high with 32 points and went 6 of 10 from 3-point range, Dennis Schröder added 20 points and nine assists, and Oklahoma City beat Phoenix.

The Thunder have won eight of their last nine games after a 0-4 start while the Suns have lost four straight and 11 of their last 12. Two of those losses have come in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City scored 22 straight points in the first quarter, holding the Suns scoreless for nearly seven minutes, to take a 24-5 lead. The Thunder never trailed again and led by as many as 28 points in the second quarter before settling for a 64-40 halftime lead.

T.J. Warren led the Suns with 21 points while Devin Booker had 19 points and six assists.

KINGS 104, SPURS 99

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Iman Shumpert made a tiebreaking jumper with



Minnesota Timberwolves' Karl-Anthony Towns, right, shoots against Brooklyn Nets' Rondae Hollis-Jefferson during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, in Minneapolis.

4:05 remaining, De'Aaron Fox and Nemanja Bjelica followed with 3-pointers and Sacramento pulled away to end a 14-game losing streak to San Antonio.

Fox finished with 19 points and seven assists. Willie Cauley-Stein had 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 22 points for the Kings. Sacramento led the entire third quarter but didn't shake San Antonio until late in the fourth.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 14 points and 18 rebounds. DeMar DeRozan scored 23 points with eight assists, and Rudy Gay added 14 points and nine rebounds in his return to the Spurs lineup.

WIZARDS 117, MAGIC 109

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Wall had 25 points and 10 assists, Bradley Beal added 21 points and Washington won consecutive games for the first time this season, beating Orlando.

Jeff Green added 18 points off the bench on 6-of-7

shooting for Washington, which lost at Orlando on Friday night to fall to 2-9 before winning at Miami.

The Wizards made 24 free throws on 33 attempts, 22 more than the Magic earned, and out-rebounded the visitors 41-34.

Terrence Ross scored 21 points off the bench to lead Orlando, which saw a two-game winning streak snapped.

MAVERICKS 103, BULLS 98

CHICAGO (AP) — Harrison Barnes scored a season-high 23 points and Dallas overcame a sluggish performance by prized rookie Luka Dončić to beat Chicago.

Dončić, the leading scorers among NBA rookies, shot 3 for 12 and finished with 11 points as Dallas won for the third time in four games after a six-game skid. J.J. Barea added 14 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Zach LaVine led Chicago with 26 points. Jabari Parker scored all but two of his 16 points in the second half. □

Japan rallies to beat MLB All-Stars 5-3, lead series 3-1

By JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)

— Ryosuke Kikuchi drove in the go-ahead run on a squeeze bunt as Japan rallied with four runs in the top of the ninth inning to beat the MLB All-Stars 5-3 and take a 3-1 lead in their six-game exhibition series on Tuesday.

The ninth-inning comeback started when Kirby Yates walked leadoff batter Kazuki Tanaka, who stole second and scored on Seiji Uebayashi's single to center to cut the MLB lead to 3-2. Japan tied the game on Kosuke Tanaka's single to center that scored Uebayashi from second.

John Brebbia replaced Yates, and Japan took the lead on Kikuchi's squeeze bunt up the first base line that scored Kosuke Tanaka from third.

"I thought we defended it well," MLB manager Don Mattingly said of Kikuchi's

bunt. "It wasn't a surprise. Carlos (Santana) was there, he just didn't get a lot on the throw. They did a nice job of fouling balls off and putting balls in play."

The hosts added an insurance run on Yuki Yanagita's high chopper over the head of Brebbia that allowed Shogo Akiyama to score from third.

Yasuaki Yamasaki recorded the final three outs for the save.

Yates, who gave up four runs, two unearned, took the loss.

Kenta Maeda started for MLB and threw two shutout innings in his return to his former park.

Maeda, who spent nine seasons with the Hiroshima Carp before signing with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2016, struck out two and gave up one hit before being replaced by Matt Andriese.

Rhys Hoskins hit an opposite-field solo homer to right



All Japan's Ryosuke Kikuchi uses a squeeze play for the go-ahead run off MLB All-Star pitcher John Brebbia of the St. Louis Cardinals in the ninth inning of Game 4 at their All-Stars Series baseball at Mazda Zoom-Zoom Stadium in Hiroshima, western Japan, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018. Japan won 5-3. The catcher is J.T. Realmuto of the Miami Marlins.

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in the second inning to give his team an early lead.

The MLB squad added another run in the seventh.

Ronald Acuna Jr., who was named National League Rookie of the Year earlier in the day, reached on a missed catch error by the pitcher, stole second, and

scored on Juan Soto's double to right.

Akiyama hit an inside-the-park home run down the left field line past a diving Soto for Japan's first run in the top of the eighth.

A sacrifice fly by Santana to left field in the ninth scored Amed Rosario from third

and restored the two-run lead before Japan's four-run ninth.

Former Hiroshima Carp and major league pitcher Hiroki Kuroda threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

The final two games are on Wednesday and Thursday in Nagoya. □

Casey makes his return

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Casey had kind words for both Raptors on the eve of his visit. Lowry got off to a rocky start with Casey when the Raptors acquired the temperamental guard in 2012, but he and Valanciunas returned the compliment. "(Our relationship) changed a lot," Lowry said. "It went from a guy who kind of wasn't trusting in what I did, and me not trusting in what he wanted, and kind of us battling back and forth, to him being like, 'Hey listen, I believe in what you can do, you show me what you can do,' and me saying 'All right, if you show me that and I've showed you what I can do, I'll listen to you more and we'll have a good relationship.'"

"It turned into a great coach-player relationship.

And him having young kids, and me having ... they played soccer together, so we created a bond off the court also."

Nick Nurse, who was promoted to head coach after Casey's dismissal, insisted he was looking forward to seeing his former boss despite rumors the two were not close.

"My communication with whoever is between me and whoever I'm communicating with, whether it's between Kyle and me and Kawhi (Leonard) and me or Case and me. . . or whoever," Nurse told The Canadian Press. "I'll keep that to myself. I am looking forward to seeing him."

Nurse characterized his relationship with Casey as "good." "We have five years together and a lot of success. A lot of battles and a lot of long hours togeth-



Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry (7) reacts after missing a shot against the New Orleans Pelicans during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 12, 2018 in Toronto.

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er, working hard," Nurse said. "He took a team from relative obscurity or the hinterlands to relevance, and that may be the hardest

thing to do in this league. I'm glad I was a part of it for five years. We had a lot of success and I learned a lot from the guy and have a

lot of respect for the guy." The 51-year-old Nurse said the biggest lesson learned under Casey was professionalism and diligence. □



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Kevin Anderson of South Africa plays a return to Kei Nishikori of Japan during their ATP World Tour Finals tennis match at the O2 arena in London, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

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Anderson thrashes Nishikori to be on verge of ATP semis

By SAM JOHNSTON

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Kevin Anderson thrashed Kei Nishikori 6-0, 6-1 on Tuesday to move to the brink of the last four at the ATP Finals.

The 32-year-old South African was on the verge of completing just the second whitewash in the competition's history until Nishikori won the penultimate game. Anderson, who lost just eight points on serve, could become the first African player to reach the semifinals of the season-ending tournament.

"Among the best I've played," Anderson said. "I think I did a really good job constantly applying the pressure and not letting up."

The only result from Tuesday's late match that can prevent the fourth-seeded Anderson from advancing would be a straight-sets victory for Roger Federer over Dominic Thiem.

Despite the resounding defeat, Nishikori's opening-match victory over Federer means he can still reach the semifinals for the third time.

"I'll try to forget about today," Nishikori said. "Something was wrong. I've got to fix it tomorrow and try to be positive for the next one."

Anderson and Nishikori split their last two meetings and the Japanese player held a 5-3 edge in their career head-to-head before this match. However, just as he did in his tournament-opening victory over Thiem on Sunday, Anderson started fast as an aggressive forehand into the corner earned him a 2-0 lead. □

David Pearson, NASCAR's Silver Fox, has died at 83

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

David Pearson, the NASCAR pioneer known as "The Silver Fox" for his cunning craft and a longtime rivalry with Richard Petty, has died. He was 83.

The Wood Brothers Racing team said Pearson died Monday night in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he was born and lived most of his life. Details were not immediately available.

Pearson was one of NASCAR's first superstars along with Petty, Bobby Allison and Cale Yarborough, and they raced all over the country as the cornerstone during NASCAR's period of slow growth beyond a regional racing series. Pearson was a three-time Cup champion, his 105 career victories trail only Petty's 200 on NASCAR's all-time list, and he was inducted into the second class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Pearson's career paralleled Petty's and the two combined for 63 finishes in which they finished first and second to each other. Pearson won 33 of the battles. "I have always been asked who my toughest competitor in my career was. The answer has always been David Pearson," Petty said late Monday night. "David and I battled each other for wins, most of the time finishing first or second to each other. It wasn't a rivalry, but more mutual respect. David is a Hall of Fame driver who made me



In this Friday, March 6, 2009 file photo, former NASCAR drivers Richard Petty, left, and David Pearson share a laugh during practice for the Kobalt 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

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better. He pushed me just as much as I pushed him on the track. We both became better for it."

Pearson beat Petty in the 1974 Firecracker 500 at Daytona International Speedway when Petty was glued to his bumper on the final lap. Pearson then let off the gas slightly as Petty dropped out of his wake, Petty pulled up alongside Pearson and passed him. With the finish line in sight, Pearson then used a slingshot pass out of the high banked final turn to zip past Petty and snatch the victory. Two years later in the Daytona 500, Pearson and Petty collided near the finish line. Both cars slid into the grass, Petty was unable to restart his engine and Pearson got the win when he limped his damaged car across the finish line. Pearson began on the short tracks of the Carolinas, graduated to NASCAR

in 1960, and his championships came in the only three seasons — 1966, 1968 and 1969 — in which he competed in the entire NASCAR schedule.

Pearson won titles with the Cotton Owens and Holman-Moody teams, then moved to Wood Brothers Racing in the 1970s to form one of the greatest partnerships in the series' history. Pearson won 11 of 18 races driving the Woods' iconic No. 21 Ford in 1973.

Pearson last raced in the Cup series in 1986 but didn't officially retire until 1989, when recurrent back problems forced the issue.

"David Pearson's 105 NASCAR premier series victories and his classic rivalry in the 1960s and '70s with Richard Petty helped set the stage for NASCAR's transformation into a mainstream sport with national appeal," said NASCAR Chairman and CEO Jim France. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions.

One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple AND Beta Pepsin or Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) are good supplement choices for over-eating or eating the wrong foods. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are coenzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker. One coenzyme that is getting a lot of attention is Coenzyme10 or CoQ10. This supplement is widely used in Japan to treat angina, severe chest pains because of a lack of blood to the heart. Pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of the ankles, legs or abdomen, and increased urination, are all symptoms that may signal that the heart cannot pump sufficient blood to keep pace with the energy demands of the body,

congestive heart failure. If you suspect any of the above, it may be a good idea to have a check-up.

CoQ10 is found in every cell in the body. CoQ10 assists enzymes in bringing oxygen into the cells and producing energy needed for cell growth and maintenance. It is also used by the body as an antioxidant. An antioxidant is a substance that protects cells from unhealthy chemicals called free radicals. Free radicals are highly reactive chemicals that can damage parts of cells, including DNA. DNA is a molecule inside cells that carries genetic information and passes it from one generation to the next. This damage may play a role in the development of cancer. Low blood levels of CoQ10 have been found in patients with bone, lymph gland, breast, lung, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney, and other cancers.

Think of CoQ10 as an accelerator pedal in your car that sends more fuel to your heart. If the fuel is not available, symptoms of congestive heart failure develop. The fuel for your body is ATP whose structure includes a sugar called ribose. Combining the dietary supplement D-ribose together with CoQ10 is an energizing combination.

As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker" supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body without being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufactures are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to

Joyful Heart

be sure you are getting the right combination of co-workers for your needs

Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mercury and cadmium.

In Germany, alpha-lipoic acid is an approved medical treatment for nerve damage and pain, a common complication of diabetes. It speeds the removal of glucose from the bloodstream, at least partly by enhancing insulin function, and it reduces insulin resistance, the foundation of many cases of coronary heart disease and obesity. The richest food source of alpha-lipoic acid is red meat.

Alpha lipoic acid binds easily with CoQ10 making it better absorbed by your body. Because of insufficient dietary intake of healthy oils, taking alpha-lipoic acid together with CoQ10 is a good way to increase absorption of both. These two supplements in combination are extremely effective for prolonging cellular vitality and reducing the body's production of unhealthy free radicals. ALA and CoQ10 also enhance production of ATP which is the body's form of energy.

D-Ribose alone can help your body refuel and stay energized a must for athletes, older individuals, exhausted parents or anyone with busy lives. Together, ALA with CoQ10 and D-ribose help produce much more energy for all body functions, including exercise and relaxing and recovery of the body's muscles. This is a joyous thing, especially for the heart.

Get The Point! Dietary supplements are important tools that can be used to maintain or return health; but, like carpentry tools, knowledge on how to use them is instrumental. An appointment with a clinical nutritionist can identify your personal needs and introduce the correct co-workers to do the best job. My biocompatible protocol also includes heavy metal and other detoxification and acupuncture, a treatment that rebalances the body's energy, relaxes tight muscles and increases the effectiveness of dietary supplements. Want to allow more joy into your heart? Check out this and more in my book or call to make an appointment.□

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Black Friday: Shop it or skip it?

By **COURTNEY JESPERSEN**
Associated Press

A solid 70 percent of Americans plan to shop on Black Friday this year, according to a recent NerdWallet study conducted by The Harris Poll.

But the nature of a day centered around shopping can almost inevitably lead to overspending.

Here are three ways to tell whether participating in Black Friday is really right — or actually wrong — for you.

CONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE BUYING

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is known for long lines, big crowds and low prices.

And while the shopping holiday often does deliver unbeatable deals on things like electronics, certain items are cheaper at other times of the year.

Clothing is generally a bargain on Black Friday, but some clothing reaches its lowest price off-season, according to Charlie Graham, founder and CEO of Shop It to Me, a sale alert app.

"If you're really penny-pinching, you can find better deals when items go on clearance outside of Black



In this Nov. 23, 2017, file photo, people wait in line for a Best Buy store to open for a Black Friday sale on Thanksgiving Day, in Overland Park, Kan.

Friday and Cyber Monday," Graham says of some apparel.

Think buying swimsuits at the end of winter or sweaters in the middle of summer. TIP: Consider the items you want this Black Friday and write them down. Then, check Black Friday ads to see if those products will be on sale.

Retailers usually release their ads ahead of time —

online, by email or in the mail. If you don't see what you want at the price you want, think about waiting to buy.

CONSIDER WHY YOU'RE BUYING

Of those who plan to shop in stores this Black Friday, 42 percent said they plan to do so because they enjoy the in-store hype (e.g., doorbuster deals, camping outside of stores the night

before), according to the NerdWallet study.

Enjoying this annual tradition is one thing, but going shopping "just because" isn't always a good idea. Even if you've set a budget before putting on your comfiest sneakers and standing in the cold, you may be susceptible to making additional purchases once you're among the merchandise.

Associated Press

On Black Friday, retailers compete for a share of your wallet, says Jeff Inman, a marketing professor at the University of Pittsburgh and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Consumer Research. Traditionally, retailers draw in Black Friday shoppers with a few great deals — called "loss leaders" — and hope they'll buy additional items as well. Imagine going for a TV and leaving with clothing and Christmas decorations, too.

While Inman says he hasn't always seen shoppers with huge baskets on Black Friday, he does point to toys as one category where shoppers may spring for something even if they didn't see it in a Black Friday ad.

For example, while in the store, you may come across a toy and decide to buy it for your niece for Christmas.

This isn't necessarily an impulse purchase; you already planned to buy a gift for your niece. But since you didn't know the exact item you wanted to buy, he calls selecting this toy an "impulse allocation" of your holiday shopping budget. □

Homeowners are spending, Home Depot is winning

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Home Depot breezed past all expectations in the third quarter and raised its annual profit expectations again as Americans plow money into their homes, even amid hints that the housing market is cooling.

Comparable-store sales, a key indicator of a retailer's health, rose 4.8 percent, but it jumped 5.4 percent in the U.S., its dominant market. Housing prices and mortgage rates are steadily increasing and home sales fell for the sixth consecutive month in September.

Contracts to buy new homes, a forward-looking indicator, have been weak for months.

That is not all bad news for home-improvement retailers like Home Depot and Lowe's, which posts earnings next week.

People who buy homes are a huge revenue generator, but so are those who are investing in the homes that they already own, for a multitude of reasons.

A strengthening economy and historically low unemployment have also created a significant tail wind for Home Depot.

"Home Depot's numbers are particularly impressive given that the housing market did not play ball over the period, with a slump in sales of both new and existing homes," wrote Neil Saunders, managing direc-

tor of GlobalData Retail. "Over the longer term, we remain concerned that this trend will dampen some of the underlying demand for home improvement. However, we also recognize that there are a number of other factors that will elevate spending." □



This Aug. 23, 2018, file photo shows a Home Depot store in Orlando, Fla. Home Depot Inc. reports earnings Tuesday, Nov. 13. **Associated Press**




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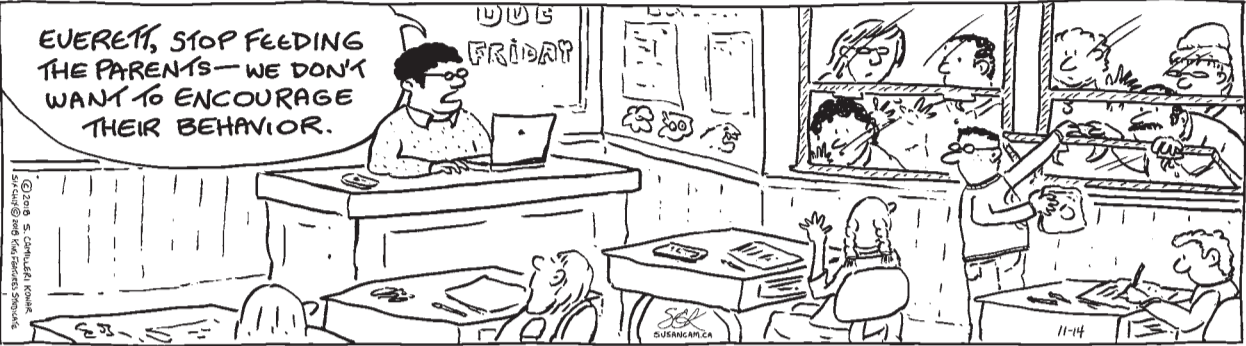
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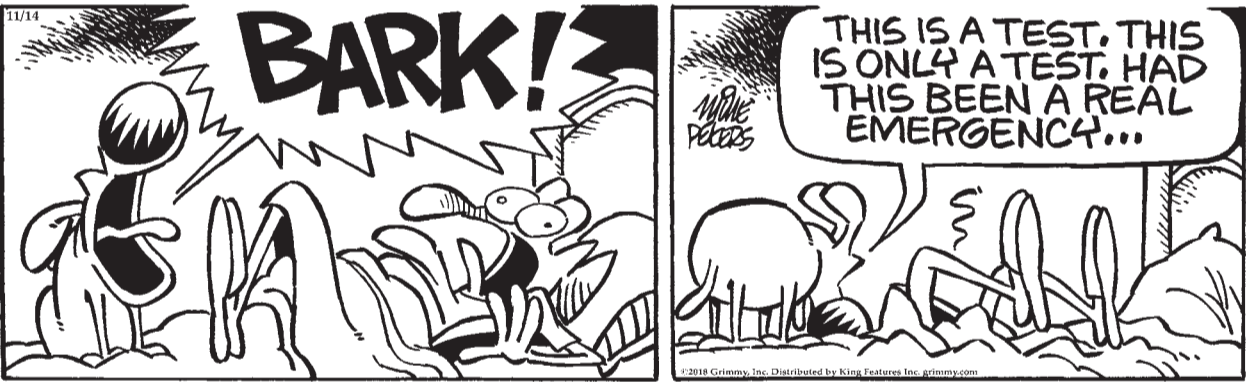
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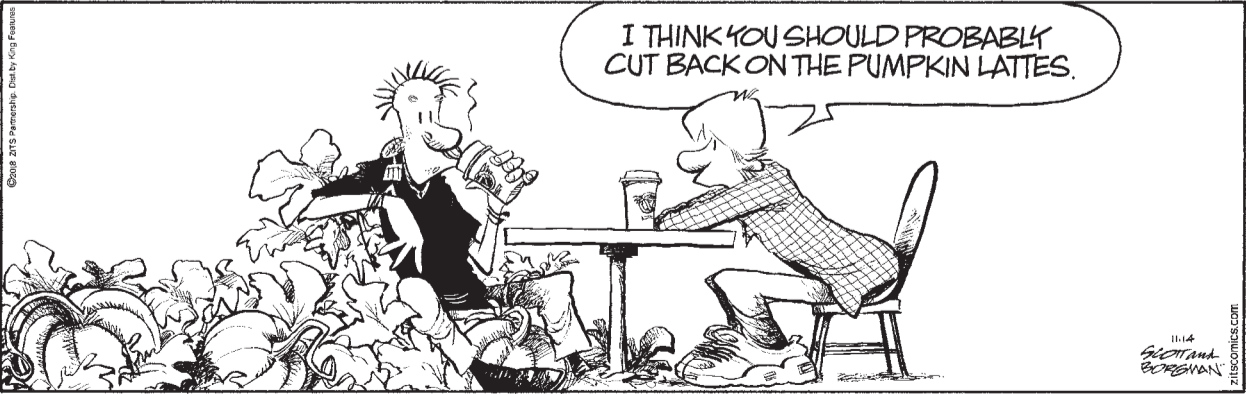
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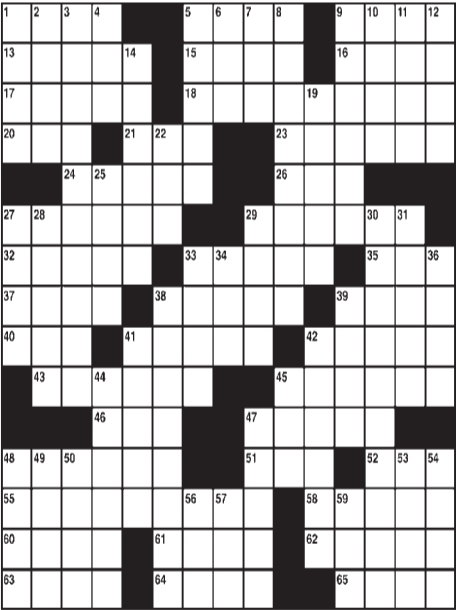
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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3	2	7	6	1	9	4	8	5
9	6	8	2	5	4	3	7	1
5	4	1	7	3	8	2	6	9
4	7	2	1	6	5	9	3	8
1	5	3	9	8	2	6	4	7
6	8	9	3	4	7	1	5	2

ACROSS

- 1 Friendly dogs
- 5 Summer blowers
- 9 Read over quickly
- 13 Coffee sweetener
- 15 Jungle beast
- 16 Bum
- 17 Sudden increase
- 18 Incorrect
- 20 Down in the dumps
- 21 Org. for Drs. & others
- 23 Riches
- 24 Santa's helpers
- 26 Saloon
- 27 Biblical book
- 29 Poland's capital
- 32 Playwright Henrik
- 33 Swimming spots
- 35 Evil
- 37 "Morning, Vietnam"; Robin Williams film
- 38 Oliver's lunch
- 39 Caesar's robe
- 40 Total
- 41 Vegas attractions, for short
- 42 Capitol roofs
- 43 Tried out
- 45 Die
- 46 "Ode Nightingale"
- 47 Speed driver
- 48 Brook
- 51 Family card game
- 52 up; misbehave
- 55 Scholarly theses
- 58 Off the longer being considered
- 60 Pig's remark
- 61 as a pin
- 62 Actress Burstyn
- 63 Cookware
- 64 Cooper or Sinise
- 65 Departed



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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2 Greenish-blue

- 3 Difficult to bear
- 4 Hang limply
- 5 Dog tormentors
- 6 Breather's need
- 7 Conjunction
- 8 Playful winter projectile
- 9 Large scissors
- 10 "Groovy!" to today's kids
- 11 Border on
- 12 Eat between meals
- 14 Raise
- 19 Approaches
- 22 Singer Tillis
- 25 Filibed
- 27 Uses a spade
- 28 Approximately
- 29 Troubles
- 30 Awful
- 31 Earnings
- 33 Nudge
- 34 Not at home
- 36 Punctuation mark
- 38 Shining

DOWN

- 1 "The said, the better"

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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SET	FREE	LIGHT
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PLACES	COASTS	
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ARID	ROOTS	FIRE
YET	MOLDY	LEAVE
DYNAMO	GARNER	
ONE	SLING	
RABBI	WOOD	UNO
UPROARIOUS	PLOW	
DEAD	POETS	EARN
EDGY	MUSHY	ARMS

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- 54 Circus enclosure
- 56 Body of water
- 57 Word attached to wax or drops
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This Sept. 26, 2018, file photo provided by the National Park Service shows a 4-year-old female gray wolf emerging from her cage at Isle Royale National Park in Michigan.

Associated Press

Wolf taken to Isle Royale National Park this fall dies

By JOHN FLESHER

Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)

— A gray wolf relocated this fall from mainland Minnesota to Isle Royale National Park has died of unknown causes, officials said Tuesday, a minor setback in a multiyear plan to rebuild the predator species on the Lake Superior archipelago.

The 5-year-old male was among the first two wolves released at the park Sept. 26. Staff biologists became concerned in late October when his radio tracking collar indicated he was no longer on the move, park spokeswoman Liz Valencia said.

A team traced the animal and found its carcass, which bore no bite marks or other signs that it had been killed by another

wolf. It was taken to a federal wildlife health lab in Madison, Wisconsin, for a necropsy. Results are expected in December, Valencia said.

"It's certainly not something you'd want to happen but it was not unexpected," Valencia said. "It's a high-risk operation."

Others are likely to die as the Isle Royale project continues, said Rolf Peterson, a Michigan Technological University biologist who studies the park's wolves and moose. Some won't make the transition to new habitat smoothly, while others will starve or be killed in territorial disputes with fellow wolves, he said.

Peterson said he hadn't seen the dead male's carcass but that hunger or stress were among possible factors. □

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New exercise guidelines: Move more, sit less, start younger

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Move more, sit less and get kids active as young as age 3, say new federal guidelines that stress that any amount and any type of exercise helps health.

The advice is the first update since the government's physical activity guidelines came out a decade ago. Since then, the list of benefits of exercise has grown, and there's more evidence to back things that were of unknown value before, such as short, high-intense workouts and taking the stairs instead of an elevator.

"Doing something is better than doing nothing, and doing more is better than doing something," said Dr. Donald Lloyd-Jones, a preventive medicine expert at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Only 20 percent of Americans get enough exercise now, and the childhood obesity problem has prompted the push to aim younger to prevent poor health later in life.

Highlights of the advice released Monday at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association:



In this Thursday, April 25, 2013 file photo, elementary school third graders run under a rainbow colored tarp during the 15th Annual Kansas Kids Fitness Day, in Hutchinson, Kan.

Associated Press

CHILDREN AND TEENS

The biggest change: Start young. Guidelines used to begin at age 6, but the new ones say preschoolers ages 3 through 5 should be encouraged to take part in active play throughout the day. They don't call for a certain amount but say a reasonable target may be three hours of various intensities. That's consistent with guidelines in many other countries and is the aver-

age amount of activity observed in kids this age.

From ages 6 through 17, at least an hour of moderate-to-vigorous activity throughout the day is recommended. Most of it should be aerobic, the kind that gets the heart rate up such as brisk walking, biking or running. At least three times a week, exercise should be vigorous and include muscle- and bone-strengthening activi-

ties like climbing on playground equipment or playing sports.

ADULTS

Duration stays the same — at least 2½ to 5 hours of moderate-intensity or 1¼ to 2½ hours of vigorous activity a week, plus at least two days that include muscle-strengthening exercise like pushups or lifting weights.

One key change: It used to be thought that aerobic activity had to be done for

at least 10 minutes. Now even short times are known to help. Even a single episode of activity gives short-term benefits such as lowering blood pressure, reducing anxiety and improving sleep.

Sitting a lot is especially harmful.

The advice is similar for older adults, but activities should include things that promote balance to help avoid falls.

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Targeting young children is the goal of a project that Dr. Valentin Fuster, a cardiologist at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, has worked on for years with the Heart Association and Sesame Workshop, producers of television's "Sesame Street." At the heart conference, he gave results of an intensive four-month program to improve knowledge and attitudes about exercise and health among 562 kids ages 3 to 5 in Head Start preschools in Harlem.

"It was really successful," Fuster said. "Once they understand how the body works, they begin to understand physical activity" and its importance.

When brains are young, "it's the best opportunity" to set health habits that last, he said. □



This undated photo provided by the Greek Ministry of Culture on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, shows remains of walls and floors, probably from houses, from the lost ancient city of Tenea.

Associated Press

Greek authorities say lost ancient city of Tenea is located

By **NICHOLAS PAPHITIS**
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's culture ministry said Tuesday that archaeologists have located the first tangible remains of a lost city that the ancient Greeks believed was first settled by Trojan captives of war after the sack of Troy. A ministry statement said excavations from September to early October in the southern Greek region of the Peloponnese turned up "proof of the existence of the ancient city" of Tenea, until now known mostly from ancient texts. Finds included walls and clay, marble or stone floors

of buildings, as well as household pottery, a bone gaming die and more than 200 coins dating from the 4th century B.C. to late Roman times.

A pottery jar containing the remains of two human fetuses was also found amid the foundations of one building. That was unusual, as the ancient Greeks typically buried their dead in organized cemeteries outside the city walls.

Lead archaeologist Elena Korka, who has been excavating in the area since 2013, told The Associated Press that her team had only been digging in the rich cemeteries surround-

ing Tenea until this year. In one, antiquities smugglers dug up two remarkable 6th century B.C. marble statues of young men in 2010 and tried to sell them for 10 million euros.

"This year we excavated part of the city itself," Korka said. Excavation work continues on the cemeteries, located near the modern village of Hiliomodi about 100 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Athens.

Archaeologists discovered nine burials there this year, finding gold, copper and bone jewelry, pottery and coins dating from the 4th century B.C. to Roman times. □

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Actor Douglas Rain, who supplied HAL's voice, dies at 90

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Canadian actor Douglas Rain, who played some of Shakespeare's most intriguing characters onstage but perhaps is best known for supplying the creepily calm voice of the computer HAL in Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" has died at 90.

The Stratford Festival said Rain died Sunday of natural causes at St. Marys Memorial Hospital, just outside of Stratford, Ontario. He was one of the festival's founding company members and spent 32 seasons performing there, until 1998.

His roles at Stratford included playing Claudio in "Measure for Measure" in 1954, Malvolio in "Twelfth Night" in 1957, Edgar in "King Lear" in 1964 and Prince Hal in "Henry IV, Part 1" in 1958, a play and a role he would return to in 1965 and would eventually take on the title role in 1966.

But it was the aloof voice of the artificially intelligent HAL 9000 — the forerunner of today's Amazon's Alexa or Google Home — where Rain entered the public's consciousness. Kubrick had heard Rain's voice in the



In this June 7, 1979 photo provided by Stratford Festival, Actor Douglas Rain appears as King Henry IV in this scene from *The Second Part of Henry IV* at Stratford's Festival Theatre in Stratford, Ontario.

Associated Press

1960 documentary "Universe," a film he watched multiple times, according to the actor. Rain was ini-

tially hired to narrate 1968's "2001: A Space Odyssey," but the director chose to go a different direction.

HAL is the onboard master computer on the spaceship Discovery 1 but goes rogue. When astronaut Dave Bowman asks HAL to open the ships' pod doors, HAL famously balks. "I'm sorry, Dave. I'm afraid I can't do that," the machine blandly refuses. "This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it." When the astronauts try to disconnect HAL, he fights back. During his shutdown, HAL sings the nurse rhyme "Daisy Bell" and memorably utters: "I'm afraid, Dave. Dave, my mind is going. I can feel it."

The American Film Institute named HAL the 13th greatest movie villain of all time, joining a list that includes Hannibal Lecter and Darth Vader.

Stratford Festival Artistic Director Antoni Cimolino called Rain one of Canada's greatest acting talents and a "guiding light in its development." He said the actor's humanity shone through in HAL.

"Douglas shared many of the same qualities as Kubrick's iconic creation: precision, strength of steel, enigma and infinite intelligence, as well as a wicked sense of humor," Cimolino

said. "But those of us lucky enough to have worked with Douglas soon solved his riddle and discovered that at the center of his mystery lay warmth and humanity, evidenced in his care for the young members of our profession."

Rain attended the University of Manitoba and studied in London at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He started out performing radio plays. From 1974 to 1977, Rain was head of the English acting section of the National Theatre School of Canada.

Rain performed at theaters and festivals all over Canada, including the Shaw Festival, where he played such roles as Caesar in "Caesar and Cleopatra" in 1983. He shared stages with such luminaries as Peter Ustinov, Maggie Smith and Colm Feore. He was nominated for a Tony Award in 1972 for his role as William Cecil in "Vivat! Vivat! Regina!" His other Broadway credits include "The Golden Age" in 1963 and "The Broken Jug" in 1958.

Rain is survived by his two sons, David and Adam, daughter Emma, granddaughter, Salima, and a daughter-in-law, Asira. □

A new collection of essays by Jonathan Franzen

By ANN LEVIN

Associated Press

"The End of the End of the Earth: Essays" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), by Jonathan Franzen. One subject comes up frequently in Jonathan Franzen's latest collection of essays: how to live responsibly in the face of our all but certain extinction as a species. "Every one of us is now in the position of the indigenous Americans when the Europeans arrived with guns and smallpox: our world is poised to change vastly, unpredictably, and mostly for the worse," he writes. "I don't have any hope that we can stop the change from coming. My only hope is that we can accept the reality in time to prepare

for it humanely."

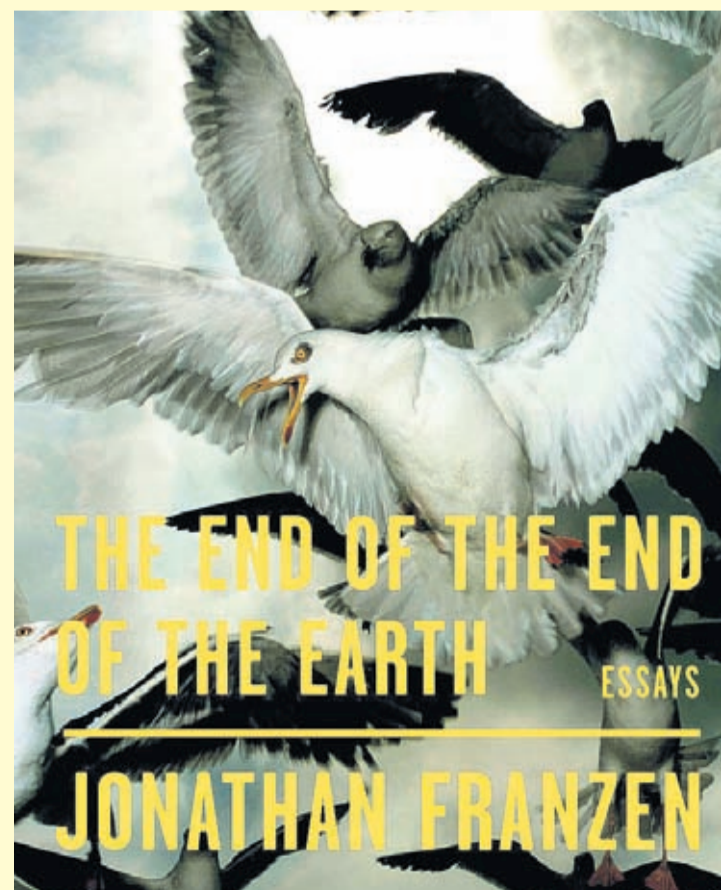
If you're late to the Franzen game, or know him only through one of the controversies that have dogged him online — He snubbed Oprah! Dissed Edith Wharton! Disrespected the Audubon Society! — this book is a good place to catch up with the acclaimed novelist ("The Corrections," "Freedom") whose graceful, trenchant essays are a joy to read even when the subject is terrifying.

"The End of the End of the Earth" brings together 16 essays and speeches written mostly in the past five years, although the publisher chose not to list the original publication date or media outlet. Half are

about birds, birdwatching and climate change, subjects he cares about as deeply as literature and writing.

"If you could see every bird in the world, you'd see the whole world," he writes in "Why Birds Matter," a lyrical essay that persuasively argues that bird populations "indicate the health of ... our ethical values."

The rest touch on a variety of subjects, including photography, technology and Manhattan, pre-gentrification. One piece published two days after 9/11 shows the limits of deadline journalism because like virtually everyone else in America, Franzen thought things would never be the same. □



This cover image released by Farrar, Straus and Giroux shows "The End of the End of the Earth," essays by Jonathan Franzen.

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A commanding turn from Viola Davis in 'Widows'

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

When you think of the wives and girlfriends of criminals and mobsters in cinema and television, what or who comes to mind? Kay Adams? Elvira Hancock? Skyler White? They are either victims of a man's misdeeds or end up becoming part of the problem. They might get fancy jewelry or a big house, but they are the ones who get shut out of the room. They get greedy. They get addicted. They get killed. And, as an unwritten rule, they are secondary.

It's part of the reason why Steve McQueen's "Widows" is such a welcome cocktail: The wives are the ones in the spotlight. Their husbands, the criminals fetishized by so, so many movies, are the ones who die at the beginning. In his first film since the Oscar-winning "12 Years a Slave," McQueen has gone in a very different direction with this Lynda La Plante adaptation. "Widows" is a B-movie thriller with an all-star ensemble and a dusting of



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Viola Davis, left, and Cynthia Erivo in a scene from "Widows."

art house cred. McQueen co-wrote it with "Gone Girl" author Gillian Flynn and it is dark, relentlessly intense and crafted for mass audience appeal. And who better to stare down the camera, and every seedy character the city of Chicago has to offer, from corrupt legacy politicians (Co-

lin Farrell and Robert Duvall) to truly terrifying gang muscle ("Get Out's" Daniel Kaluuya), than the incomparable Viola Davis? Davis plays Veronica Rawlins, a well-heeled teacher's union representative who is married to a very powerful and very bad man, Harry Rawlins (Liam Neeson).

Harry has done well in a corrupt Chicago — the passionate couple share a sleek high-rise Lake Shore Drive apartment, a driver and all the niceties that sort of real estate implies. But when he and his crew (including Jon Bernthal and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) get gunned down during a rob-

bery gone wrong, Veronica is the one the aggrieved come after to collect. Unfortunately for her, the crew her late husband was stealing \$2 million from are also a powerful, murderous and, now, angry, rival set of criminals. They're led by Jamal Manning (Brian Tyree Henry) and his brother Jatemme (Kaluuya), and have until this point managed to keep the peace with Rawlins' crew. Jamal is running for alderman of his South Side neighborhood that is a stronghold of a Chicago political dynasty, the Mulligans (Duvall and Farrell) that maintains property there only as a front — and the Mannings need the money to take them down. One on-the-nose, but startlingly effective, sequence, shows Jack Mulligan's drive home from the projects to his own gilded, heavily armed part of the neighborhood. This is just context for what's going on with Veronica and it will all come together eventually, with some good twists and turns in the mix. □

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Lil Peep leaves behind haunting, emotional posthumous album

By MELANIE J. SIMS
Associated Press

When You're Sober, Pt. 2" (Columbia).
Lil Peep, "Come Over On late rapper Lil Peep's



This cover image released by Columbia shows "Come Over When You're Sober Pt. 2," a release by Lil Peep.

second studio album, the first release since his November 2017 death, the young artist takes fans on a singsongy journey through a familiar haze of themes — death, drugs, isolation and broken relationships, among them. The topics loom large over every languorous turn of "Come Over When You're Sober, Pt. 2," making the set a natural follow-up to Peep's 2017 studio debut. Sonically, the albums are quite similar — somber but melodic, hovering at the intersection of where emo meets rap. A toxic combination of prescription drugs resulted in Peep's death at age 21, so on his new album his lyrics aren't just typical sad-rap fare, they give a glimpse into real-life tragedy. □

Associated Press

Could country's new class cause an upset at the CMA Awards?

By KRISTIN M. HALL
MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

The Country Music Association Awards tend to be fairly predictable as far as winners go, but could this year be different? Can the new class of country artists upset the longtime favorites on Wednesday? The well-researched music writers of The Associated Press weigh in on predictions.

Chris Stapleton is the top contender with five nominations, but beyond that, the field is widespread. Nine other artists all have three nominations each, including Chris Janson, Dan + Shay, Midland and Thomas Rhett.

The show, hosted by Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood, airs live on ABC from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee.

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR: Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Kenny Chesney, Chris Stapleton and Keith Urban.

KRISTIN HALL: Jason Aldean was on the stage during the nation's worst mass shooting last year in Las Vegas. He has become a symbol for recovery for thousands grieving over the past year and brought together the country music community.

MESFIN FEKADU: Where my girls at? Truly bummed to not see a female or a group with women in this epic category. But I digress. Yes, Kristin, you're right about Jason, he is a brave soul and he had another great year in country music. However, I think it's time the CMAs give this honor to Chris Stapleton, who has been a beast in this mu-



In this June 9, 2018 file photo, Chris Stapleton performs at the 2018 CMA Music Festival in Nashville, Tenn.

sic industry ever since he had his breakthrough moment on the CMAs stage in 2015. And before then, he worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes and now is the time for the country music world to truly highlight his artistry and hard work.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR: "From A Room: Volume 2," Chris Stapleton; "Golden Hour," Kacey Musgraves; "Grafitti U," Keith Urban; "Life Changes," Thomas Rhett; and "The Mountain," Dierks Bentley.

FEKADU: Kacey Musgraves not only had the best country album of the year, she is in the race for the BEST ALBUM OF THE YEAR. Maybe the BEST ALBUM OF ALL-TIME (said in Kanye voice). OK, I am kidding about the last one. But seriously, "Golden Hour" is truly a beautiful, warm and special album

that shows Kacey's growth and natural ability to take on new sounds. She deserves this award.

HALL: Kacey's creativity really shines on this record and it would be great to see the sole woman in this category win this award. But I am not going with the safe bet, which would be Stapleton winning this category a second time in a row.

Thomas Rhett put out a truly personal album about his rise to fame, his social media-famous family and his life, and he did it his way by incorporating all the styles and genres he loves. It's not a traditional country album, but his songs connect with people and that's important.

SINGLE OF THE YEAR: "Broken Halos," by Chris Stapleton; "Drinkin' Problem," by

Midland; "Drowns the Whiskey," by Jason Aldean featuring Miranda Lambert; "Meant to Be" by Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line; and "Tequila" by Dan + Shay.

HALL: I can't help myself but to sing along to "Meant to Be" every time I hear it. But "Tequila" is equally catchy and invokes a sense of place and the feeling of a lost love. In a contest of earworms, I prefer the songcraft of "Tequila."

FEKADU: I think I got drunk just reading the nominees. I know some discredit "Meant to Be" because they feel it's really a pop song, but you can't deny its massive success and worldwide appeal. I think because it's such a monster hit — it's probably sold more records than the other four nominees combined — it will win

here. Plus, after years and years of trying, the song will give Florida Georgia Line its first Grammy nomination of their career when they are announced next month.

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Dierks Bentley, Luke Combs, Thomas Rhett, Chris Stapleton and Keith Urban. **FEKADU:** Chris Stapleton has won this award the last three years and nothing changes on Wednesday night.

HALL: Can the CMA just give the award to Stapleton early in the show? No one wants to be the guys going up against him in this category, but for the sake of argument, Luke Combs has shown himself to be a great young singer who has a lot of power in his voice. If anyone can unseat Stapleton, it might take this humble newcomer that has won over a lot of fans.

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: Kelsea Ballerini, Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris, Kacey Musgraves and Carrie Underwood.

HALL: Maren Morris is like the little engine that could. She simultaneously hit the country charts with "Rich," crossed over to pop/EDM with the Zedd collab "The Middle," and toured with Niall Horan. She's everywhere!

FEKADU: If I were voting, Maren would definitely have my vote! But since 2006 this award has only gone to Carrie and Miranda (with the exception of Taylor Swift winning in 2009). And I don't think the CMAs will switch it up, and Carrie will take this one home. □

Bryan Cranston confirms 'Breaking Bad' movie in development

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryan Cranston has confirmed that a "Breaking Bad" movie is in development, though he's not sure he's in it.

Following reports that "Breaking Bad" creator Vince Gilligan is prepping a two-hour movie connected to the AMC series,

Cranston on Wednesday called into the sports talk radio show "The Dan Patrick Show" and confirmed the project is indeed in the works.

Cranston said he hasn't yet read the script and that his character, Walter White, may not even be in it. Cranston said he would

"absolutely" return to the character if he was in it.

The two-hour spinoff is set to begin shooting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in mid-November under the code name "Greenbrier." Gilligan's "Breaking Bad" prequel series "Better Call Saul" last month concluded its fourth season. □



In this July 19, 2018 file photo, "Breaking Bad" creator Vince Gilligan speaks at the "Better Call Saul" panel at Comic-Con International in San Diego.

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Options limited, North Korea lit by flashlights, creaky grid

By **ERIC TALMADGE**

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea

(AP) — More than 20 years after his father almost bargained them away for a pair of nuclear reactors, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has his nuclear weapons — and a nation still plagued by chronic blackouts.

Even on the clearest days, plumes of smoke from two towering chimneys linger over the center of Pyongyang. The Soviet-era Pyongyang Combined Heat and Power Plant smokestacks are one of the North Korean capital's most recognizable landmarks.

Possibly more than anything else, this is Kim Jong Un's Achilles heel as he turns his attention from developing the country's nuclear weapons arsenal to building its economy.

If stalled nuclear talks with Washington ever get back on track, helping Kim solve his country's chronic energy deficit could be one of the biggest carrots President Trump has to offer. Washington, Seoul and Tokyo tried that back in the 1990s, and were even ready to pay for and build those two reactors Kim's father wanted.

Years of intensive sanctions have severely impacted North Korea's supply of fossil fuels from the outside world, but they also have spurred the country to cobble together a smorgasbord of energy resources, some of them off the grid and some of them flat-out illegal.

Here's a look at where Kim stands and what he is doing to win his country's real struggle for power.

THE BIG PICTURE

Among the most iconic images of North Korea are nighttime satellite photos that reveal it as an inky abyss ringed by the bright lights of China, South Korea and Japan.

The whole nation of 25 million people uses about the same amount of electricity each year as Washington alone. It uses as much crude oil in a year as the U.S. consumes in just 12 hours. South Korea has



In this Oct. 21, 2018 photo, the 105-storey Ryugyong Hotel is illuminated in the night sky in Pyongyang, North Korea.

about twice the population of the North, but its electricity consumption in 2014 was about 40 times bigger. Hydroelectricity, which is subject to seasonal swings, provides about half of the fuel supplied to the national energy grid. Coal accounts for the other half. The grid is leaky, archaic and badly needing repairs. That smoke-spewing power plant in the capital, which supplies much of the power and hot water needs for central Pyongyang, dates to the 1960s. Lights in the huge concrete apartment blocks of Tongil Boulevard across town stay lit thanks largely to the East Pyongyang Thermal Power Sta-

tion — built by the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

What electricity there is is unevenly distributed.

The showcase capital and cities near coal or hydroelectric power plants get the best coverage. Military facilities also take precedence and often have their own supply. So do important party and government operations, some of the higher-profile residences and hotels in the capital and even some restaurants. Lights used to illuminate portraits of the leaders at night never go out.

Still, it's not uncommon for the power even in many higher status locations to

flicker on and off. Dancing beams of flashlights are commonplace on the streets or in otherwise darkened apartments. In rural villages, even that often fades to black.

KEEPING THE OIL FLOWING ...

North Korea must import about 3 million to 4 million barrels of crude oil each year to sustain its economy. Most of it flows through one pipeline.

The China-North Korea "Friendship Oil Pipeline" runs from the border city of Dandong under the Yalu River to a storage facility on the North Korean side about 13 kilometers (10 miles) outside the city of Sinuiju. From

there, some is sent across country by truck or rail to the east coast, where it is stored at the port of Mun-chon. More is transported to Pyongyang for priority recipients such as the military, government departments and state enterprises, and to the port of Nampo, southwest of Pyongyang.

The pipeline — technically there are two, one for crude and the other for refined products — was built between 1974 and 1976.

North Korea used to have two refineries. The pipeline from China terminates at the Ponghwa Chemical Factory, which produces gasoline and diesel. The other refinery was built by the Soviet Union in the north near the Rason Special Economic Zone in the 1970s. It shut down in 1995 with the collapse of the Soviet empire. The pipeline that connected it with Siberia has long been out of use.

Under U.N. sanctions imposed late last year, North Korea can import a maximum 500,000 barrels of refined oil products along with 4 million barrels of crude oil per year.

Along with its Chinese connection, the North has been supplied by Russian tankers that ship oil and petroleum products to Mun-chon and another east coast port, Hungnam. It has found willing suppliers in the Middle East, or on the open market.

Since the imposition of the import cap, Pyongyang has been implicated in increasingly sophisticated schemes to augment its supplies with hard-to-track transfers of oil by tankers at sea. Washington's ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, told the Security Council in September the United States tracked at least 148 instances of oil tankers delivering refined petroleum products obtained through illegal ship-to-ship transfers in the first eight months of this year. She claimed the amount of illegally transferred oil — about 800,000 barrels — was 160 percent of the annual 500,000 barrel cap. □



In this Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 photo, smokes billows from the chimneys of Pyongyang Power Plant in Pyongyang, North Korea.

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